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Search for Fouad Nayel turns into a HOMICIDE PROBE

Human remains discovered in the Calabogie area were identified Thursday as those of Fouad Nayel, a man who had been reported missing by his family five months ago. Now police suspect foul play. For more on the story, turn to page 2. CONTRIBUTED

Adults recruit teen thieves with opiates

Fentanyl. Parents warned to watch for pinpoint pupils, slurred speech and fatigue

A group of Manotick drug pushers got kids to steal from homes in return for a hit of the highly addictive drug Fentanyl, police said Thursday.

"Some intelligence info told us people were hiring kids to commit break-ins and they would get Fentanyl for what they had stolen," said Staff Sgt. Kal Ghadban of the Ottawa police's break-and-enter unit.

Last November, Ghadban said, a youth charged with 21 break-and-enters admitted to using Fentanyl. "They were trying to get money for their addiction. We don't know how widespread it is. It's hard to know."

A hundred times more potent than morphine and far more addictive, the drug has already claimed the life of one Ottawa teen, Manotick's Tyler Campbell, 17, who died Aug. 4 after an overdose.

Exceedingly

"It's very, very lethal and kids don't realize it."

Joan Leadbeater-Graham, addiction centre worker

"He had been using it, but he wasn't an addict," said Ghadban. "He was a casual user."

Even one hit can be enough to kill, said Joan Leadbeater-Graham, who oversees addiction centre Rideauwood's school-based teen-substance-abuse program, noting the drug started appearing in schools last September

"It's very, very lethal and kids don't realize it," she said of the painkiller. "They seem to not have that information."

The drug slows the respiratory system, and a strong dosage can cause asphyxiation.

"Fentanyl is a patch and is meant to be released in small and manageable doses," Leadbeater-Graham said. "The way it's being used is that the patch is being taken apart and free-based or diluted and injected."

Since the drug isn't evenly distributed through the patch, it's risky whether users will get a highly concentrated dose.

At a meeting in Manotick Wednesday night, Leadbeater-Graham and other officials worked to educate the community about the signs and symptoms of Fentanyl use and abuse. Pinpoint pupils, slurred speech and fatigue, as well as burned tin foil and used needles, should prompt parents to contact Rideauwood drug counsellors who work in 48 Ottawa schools.

"Fentanyl is one of those drugs that leaves a profound effect on the brain," said Leadbeater-Graham. "We would all find ourselves dependent very quickly if we were on it for any period of time."

She urged concerned parents to contact the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health, Royal Ottawa Hospital or Rideauwood for advice.

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Friends mourn death of man who went missing

Underway. Police launch homicide investigation after finding Fouad Nayel's body in Calabogie



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Friends of an Ottawa man who went missing in June are mourning his death after Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) confirmed his body was the one found in a wooded area in Calabogie on Sunday.

Fouad Nayel, 28, went missing nearly five months ago when his family noticed he hadn't shown up for dinner on June 17 — Father's Day — after a trip to Petawawa earlier that day.

The OPP said a passerby found a body Sunday near Norton Road in Greater Madawaska Township.

The body was decomposed to such a point that investigators initially couldn't tell whether it was male or female, according to police.

A post-mortem in Toronto Wednesday determined the human remains were that of Nayel. An OPP homicide investigation is now underway.

Several friends expressed their condolences on Facebook Thursday.

Andre Esteves, a friend of Nayel's for 11 years, said the family is reeling from the news.

A woman who answered the phone at the home Thursday afternoon said the family did not want to comment.

"I feel a lot better knowing he went to a better place rather than us sitting here worried something's happened to him or he's somewhere and we don't know where he is," said Esteves. "That was the hardest part."

Nayel was a genuine person, Esteves said, who was always there whenever he needed someone to talk to.

"He would do anything for anybody and he was just a different guy in general between all my friends," he said. "A very loving person."

Esteves was one of many friends and family members who drove from Ottawa to Calabogie in search of Nayel on suspicions he might be there.

He said he drove down the same street where the body was found.

On the same day the OPP found the body, Esteves said he returned home from a trip to Mexico after staying in the same room the two had shared when they both vacationed there in 2009. It is a trip Esteves cherishes.

He said he went back to Mexico this month as a way of remembering his missing friend.

"My mom was telling me, 'Maybe that just means that he wanted to go on this one last trip with you to Mexico before, you know, everything came to an end,'" he said. "It's a good way to think about it."

Anyone with information about the investigation is asked to contact the Renfrew OPP Crime Unit at 613-432-3211 or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). Callers may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to $2,000.



A flyer with Fouad Nayel's photo appears on the front entrance of the Broadway Bar & Grill in Barrhaven on June 25. JOE LOFARO/METRO

OLG revenue deal needs clarification: Mayor

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson thinks there was an element of "he said, she said" in the apparent miscommunication over a new revenue-sharing agreement with Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG).

Watson's office has asked for written clarification from OLG concerning whether the revenue-sharing agreement approved by council on Wednesday will apply to a new casino, should council approve one.

"The notion that the OLG has said, 'That's it, basically take it or leave it' — that's fine, that's their bargaining position," Watson told reporters Thursday. "And I happen to have a position that I want to see us make sure that we're not going to lose any money and we're actually going to gain some to help offset some costs."

Watson would not get into specifics on what that position is — whether he wants to table games included in the agreement, or whether the current funding agreement would be acceptable.

In the deal approved Wednesday, Ottawa will see an additional $1.3 million flow into city coffers from the slot machines at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. When some councillors worried approving the deal would tie the city's hands in negotiating revenue sharing for a new casino, Watson and city manager Kent Kirkpatrick assured them a new casino meant a new agreement. OLG later denied that claim.

Watson, citing the difference between the agreement and the funding formula, said he was right on that front.

"What I kept being asked about is 'Will there be a new agreement?' Yes there will be a new agreement. Is there going to be a new funding formula? OLG says there isn't," said Mayor Watson, conceding that the bulk of the six-page agreement was the funding formula.

"Whether we're going to get another (funding formula) deal or not ultimately will be determined in the negotiations."

OLG spokesman Tony Bitonti said Wednesday that the only city that will see a new agreement negotiated will be Toronto, where council is considering a resort component to their casino.

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Trip down memory lane yields tale of (toy) pistol-packing mayor

To mark the 50th anniversary of one of the province's largest wastewater-treatment facilities, city councillors on Thursday pried open a time capsule buried in 1962 at the Robert O. Pickard Environmental Centre in east Ottawa.

Maria McRae, chair of the city's environmental committee, and Coun. Tim Tierney (Beaconhill-Cyrville) showed invited guests a sampling of newspapers and coins from the era.

"It's exciting to imagine that 50 years ago people were thinking about us and what we would think when we open their time capsule," McRae said.

She said she was stunned by the headline of the day on a copy of the Ottawa Citizen, which described how then-mayor Charlotte Whitton brought a toy pistol to city hall.

Among other items pulled from the capsule were copies of Le Droit, council minutes and the Ottawa Journal.

While the collection and treatment centre was lauded at the event, McRae acknowledged more work needs to be done to treat the city's water.

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Maria McRae, chair of the city's environmental committee, and Coun. Tim Tierney hold up a copy of the Ottawa Journal dated Nov. 15, 1962, which they retrieved on Thursday from a time capsule buried at the Robert O. Pickard Environmental Centre. JOE LOFARO/METRO



The Garrison Crossing community in Chilliwack, B.C., was overseen by the Canada Lands Corporation. The organization hopes to apply the same urban ideas in redeveloping CFB Rockcliffe. CONTRIBUTED/CANADA LANDS COMPANY

From old military base to urban design lab

CFB Rockcliffe.

Development is on again, but project will be smaller in scale than first planned



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A section of Ottawa used to train Canada's Second World War flying aces may soon become a lab to create an innovative new community.

Don Schultz, director of real estate for the Rockcliffe property at Canada Lands Co., could hardly contain his excitement recently as he described the wooded half square mile near downtown Ottawa that was once Canadian Forces Base Rockcliffe.

"It's a unique opportunity because of the location and size of the site," he said of the plot 5.5 kilometres from the city core. "We have tended to explore walkable neighbourhoods, mixed-use buildings, energy efficiency and integration of open space with the urban fabric," Schultz said of past CLC projects such as Garrison Crossing in Chilliwack, B.C., and Calgary's Garrison Woods. "We have a proven track record of innovation."

The redevelopment of Garrison Woods, started in 1998, has won numerous accolades, including the Grand SAM Award from the Canadian Home Builders Association. "We're not afraid of contemporary design such as LEED standards," Schultz said, referring to the international green building standard.

In 2005, CLC planned for more than 11,000 homes on the Rockcliffe site, but because of the recession and a cut to plans for an LRT route along Montreal Road, "we're thinking half that," Schultz said, noting large condo towers aren't part of the plan.

A good number of buildings will have street-level businesses, with apartments above. "It's close to Montfort Hospital and there are opportunities for medical-service businesses," he said.

And many of the community's street names will honour the Algonquin First Nation, which, in 2011, settled a land claim on the property with the federal government for $10 million.

CLC will host an open house on the project at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum on Nov. 26 from 3 till 9 p.m. Presentations begin at 4 and 7 p.m.

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Mayors push for more infrastructure funding

Eight cents on the tax dollar is not enough for Canada's largest cities to meet their infrastructure demands, according to several mayors.

Municipal leaders from Canada's largest urban centres renewed their call for increased federal infrastructure funding in Ottawa on Thursday. They, along with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, want a 20-year long-term infrastructure plan with a $5.75-billion annual commitment from the federal government.

By the numbers

$5.75B

Amount of the annual commitment to a long-term infrastructure plan municipal leaders and the FCM want from the federal government.

"The long-term infrastructure plan is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to put our cities and our economy on solid ground," said Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson Thursday.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi went further, suggesting the share of tax revenues between the federal, provincial and municipal governments constitutes "the real fiscal imbalance in Canada."

"The municipalities are expected to deliver the bulk of services that keep Canadians happy, healthy and safe every day," Nenshi said. "Yet only eight cents of the tax dollar ... goes to municipalities."

The FCM estimates a $5.75-billion annual commitment from the federal government would leverage approximately $7.5 billion in provincial, territorial and municipal investments.

That money is needed, the mayors argue, to address the "crumbling" infrastructure dotting the landscape of Canada's cities and towns.

The federal government, however, is talking more about the need for fiscal control than another round of infrastructure stimulus spending.

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Mayors from Canada's largest cities join Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, centre, in calling for increased federal funding for infrastructure repairs.

ALEX BOUTILIER /METRO



The items in this vodou altar, or pe, represent a vodouist's family history and relationship with spirits, or lwas.

ROSANNA HAROUTOUNIAN/FOR METRO

Vodou dispels old-school view of voodoo

Misunderstood. New exhibit explores true nature of the religion as practised in Haiti

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Voodoo often conjures up an image of a doll with pins in it. But a new exhibit at the Museum of Civilization aims to show visitors that Hollywood's image of voodoo and the experiences of people who practise vodou are quite different.

"It's a religion as rich and as profound as any in the world," said Dr. Mauro Peressini, one of three curators who created the exhibit. "This exhibit gives the opportunity to vodouists to give their point of view of their own spirituality and history and for the visitor to have the opportunity to listen to them."

The exhibit focuses on the vodou of Haiti. Peressini said vodou was brought to Haiti from Africa through the slave trade and mixed with indigenous traditions and Christianity.

Practicing vodou was a way for Haiti's first people to resist colonization, which led to its persecution and caricaturizing, said Peressini.

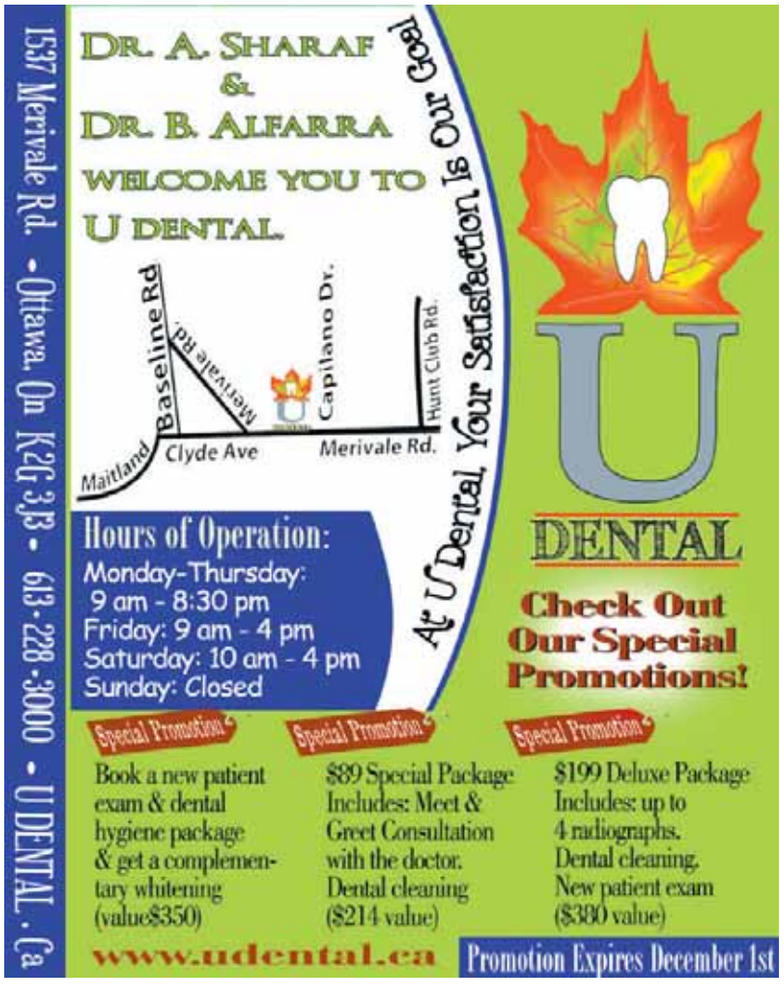
"When Americans occupied Haiti, they very soon saw that rebellions against their occupation came from vodou secret societies," said Peressini.

The exhibit features over 300 objects, mostly from a larger collection gathered by Marianne Lehmann, a Swiss-born Haitian citizen. Lehmann bought the objects from Haitians who sold them to make money.

Other pieces were gathered in Canada, like film footage of a vodou ceremony in Montreal. During the ceremony, participants are possessed by lwas, vodou spirits.

"Possession is good for vodouists because it means the lwa has taken your body in order to communicate with the other participants," said Peressini.

The exhibit will be on display until February 23, 2014.



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Civic contributors. 15 outstanding citizens to be honoured with Order of Ottawa

An organ-donation crusader from Barrhaven, a longtime Westboro restaurateur and Algonquin College's outgoing president are among 15 residents who will be inducted into the Order of Ottawa.

Mayor Jim Watson made the announcement Thursday morning on Twitter, which was followed by a news release stating the Order of Ottawa ceremony will be held Nov. 22 at city hall.

Double-lung-transplant recipient Hélène Campbell, Moe Atallah of Newport Restaurant and Algonquin's Robert Gillett will be formally inducted alongside other Ottawa notables.

They are: Dr. John Bell, Paul Benoit, Jim Durrell, Allison Fisher, Marc Jolicoeur, Terry Kelly, Russell Mills, Diane Morrison, Nazira Naz Tareen, Gisèle Richer, Christine Tremblay and Sara Vered.

"The Order of Ottawa enables us to recognize outstanding residents and meritorious service within our city," said Watson in the release.

"These remarkable individuals have made a difference to countless people in our community, and make our city the special place it is."

The honour celebrates individuals who have made contributions to city life in fields such as arts and culture, education, and entertainment.

The city said Don Campbell will also be presented with the Brian Kilrea Award, which recognizes the contribution of an amateur coach who best exemplifies the qualities of leadership and commitment. METRO

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Cyclist raises $40K to give kids a place to call home

Charity. Long journey through Canada benefits SOS Children's Villages

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Tana Silverland was greeted by her family and supporters as she rode her bike onto Parliament Hill Thursday after a two-and-a-half-year ride through Canada.

She biked 22,000 kilometres and raised $40,000 for the charity SOS Children's Villages.

"I know how much I owe to my parents and what a difference it's made to my life," said Silverland. "I passionately wanted every child in the world to have that same opportunity and that same start in life, and that is what SOS Children's Villages does."

Silverland, who said she'd never done long-distance cycling before, rode a recumbent trike through the western provinces and Atlantic Canada before arriving in Ottawa.

She said she thought of the children she was helping on the days when the weather was bad and when she had to bike up mountains.

"It was the mental challenge that was actually more difficult," she said. Silverland added that she relied on strangers for food and shelter throughout her journey. "It was a challenge, as it is for many millions of orphans around the world."

Silverland said she is looking forward to spending time with her mom, who she has not seen since April 2010. Both of Silverland's parents were at Parliament Hill to greet her.

Silverland said she supports SOS Children's Villages because it creates a family environment for orphans.

Sen. Mac Harb thanked Silverland on behalf of the Senate and Parliament.

Her arrival on Thursday coincided with the first National Philanthropy Day in Canada.



Tana Silverland in Ottawa on Thursday, after riding through Canada for two-and-a-half years to raise money for the charity SOS Children's Villages.
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Trendr app gives young entrepreneurs, angel investors new way to connect

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A social-media app to connect entrepreneurs and business people will help Ottawa's young up-and-coming business heads meet angel investors when it debuts at this Saturday's Legacy Conference.

"A conference is a convenient place to start using Trendr," said the app's founder, Michael Beddows. "People use their LinkedIn account to access the platform. You'll begin to see other people around you and summaries of their profile."

Based on your availability, with the app you can then meet them by sending them a meeting request.



Trendr founder and CEO Michael Beddows, left, and chief of marketing Peter Davison will unveil their app, which is designed to connect entrepreneurs to investors, at Saturday's Legacy Conference. COURTESY OF TRENDR

The app will be unveiled at the Legacy Conference at the National Arts Centre as the city's young entrepreneurs gather with those who have gone before during Global Entrepreneurship Week.

Janelle Zhao, president of the conference, said having Trendr launch at the event will help break the ice between attendees. "Sometimes you don't know how to introduce yourself," she noted. "Through LinkedIn, it will tell you who is around you and what they do."

Trendr will debut at the Legacy Conference at the NAC on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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The Legacy Conference

From one entrepreneur to another

Serial entrepreneur Matt Whitteker, 28, has been in business since he was 19 and will share his war stories as he helps MC the Legacy Conference. Whitteker most recently spearheaded Fight for the Cure, the charity behind the boxing match between Justin Trudeau and Sen. Patrick Brazeau.

"A lot of the things people have been through and shared with me helped me out," he said. "I'll be giving brief talks and sharing what has worked and what hasn't for me."

Other speakers include Aydin Mirzaee, CEO of Chide.it, and Adrian Salamunovic, co-founder of CanvasPop.

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Number of doctors at all-time high

What's up? Docs.
Proportion of physicians rapidly outpacing population growth and is getting better in rural areas

A new report says that over the last five years, the number of doctors in Canada has increased at a rate three times faster than that of the population.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information says there were more than 72,500 physicians in 2011, a rise of 14 per cent since 2007.

The Canadian population grew 4.7 per cent over the same time period.

Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec had the highest physician-to-population ratios, while Saskatchewan and P.E.I. had the lowest.

In 2011, 51 per cent of Canada's doctors practised family medicine, while 49 per cent were medical and surgical specialists.

The report also found that more doctors are practising in rural Canada compared to five years earlier, including 15 per cent of the country's general practitioners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Unsolved problems

While rural regions have managed to attract new doctors with a number of programs, many areas are still badly understaffed.

- **Enderby, B.C.,** will soon have only one doctor for its 3,000 residents. The northern Okanagan community previously had a total of five.



The inviolable right to life

Hanna Graham joins a candle-lit vigil protest outside Belfast City Hall in Northern Ireland on Thursday for Savita Halappanavar, the 31-year-old Indian woman who was 17-weeks pregnant when she died of blood poisoning after suffering a miscarriage in Galway, Ireland, on Oct. 28. Halappanavar's father, Andanappa Yalagi, said the combination of medical negligence and Irish abortion laws led to his daughter's death.

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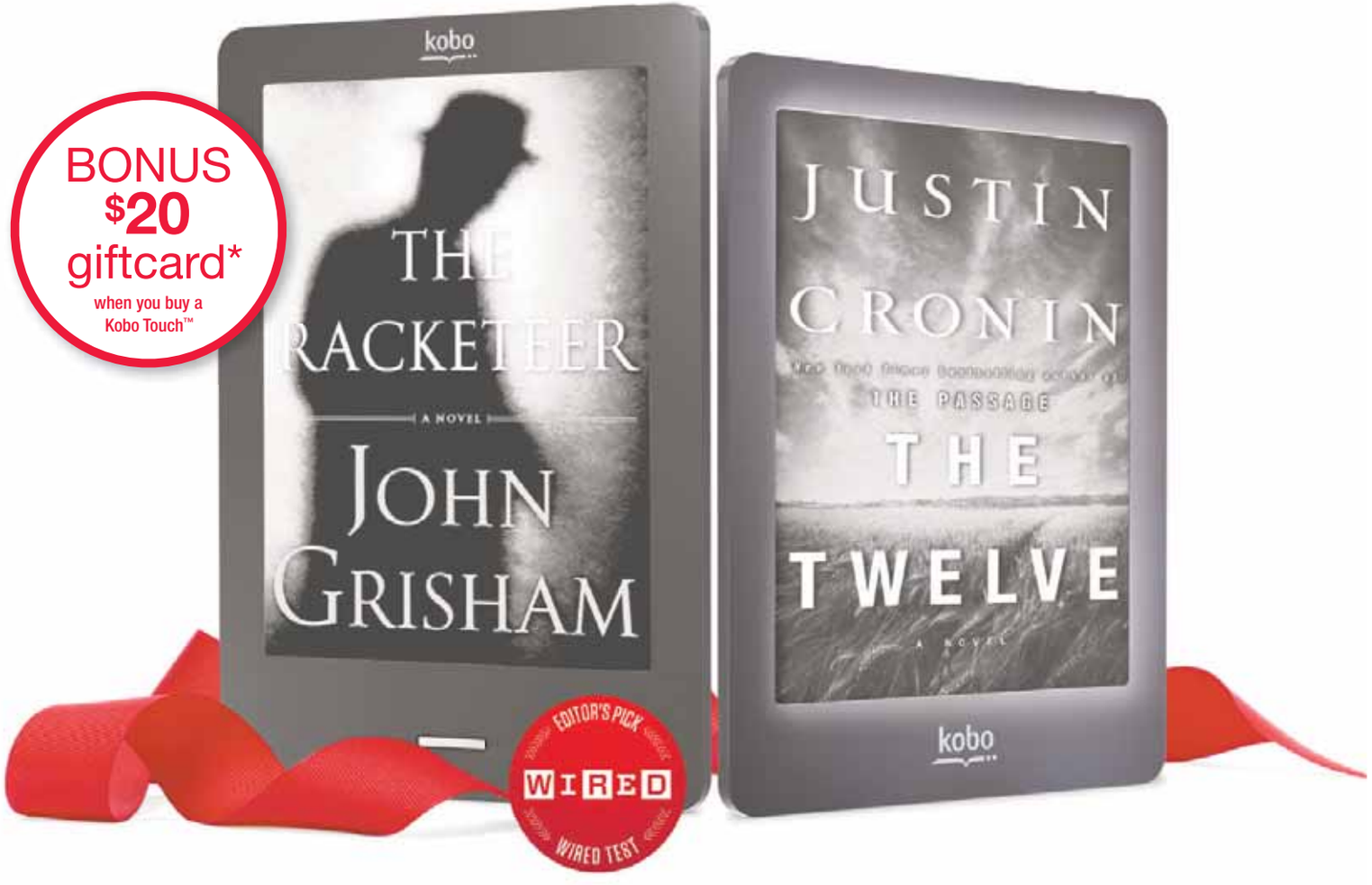
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Brazen attacks on Tel Aviv may trigger ground invasion of Gaza

Heaviest fighting in four years. Daily life at a standstill on both sides of the border



A woman photographs Israeli soldiers by an armoured personal carrier close to the Israel-Gaza border in southern Israel on Thursday. Israel's prime minister says the army is prepared for a "significant widening" of its operation in the Gaza Strip. Benjamin Netanyahu told reporters Israel has "made it clear" it won't tolerate continued rocket fire on its civilians. ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinian militants targeted densely populated Tel Aviv in Israel's heartland with rockets for the first time Thursday, part of an unprecedented barrage that threatened to provoke an Israeli ground assault on Gaza. Three Israelis were killed.

Air-raid sirens wailed, and panicked residents ran for cover in Tel Aviv, Israel's commercial and cultural capital. Israel responded by moving troops and heavy weapons toward Gaza and authorizing the call-up of tens of thousands of reservists.

There was no word on where the two rockets aimed at Tel Aviv landed, raising the possibility they fell into the Mediterranean. A third rocket landed in an open area on the southern outskirts of Tel Aviv. Those attacks came after Israel launched a ferocious air assault Wednesday to stop repeated rocket fire from Gaza. The powerful Hamas military chief was killed in that strike, and another 18 Palestinians have died over two days, including five children.

There were mounting signs of a ground operation. At least 12 trucks were seen transporting tanks and armoured personnel carriers toward Gaza late Thursday. Israeli TV stations said a Gaza incursion was expected on Friday, though military officials said no decision had been made.

"We will increase the attacks, and I believe we will obtain our objectives," said Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz, Israel's military chief.

Hamas, meanwhile, warned it would strike deeper inside Israel with Iranian-made Fajr-5 rockets, acknowledging for the first time it has longer-range weapons. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International reaction

- The White House says the U.S. strongly condemns the barrage of rocket fire from Gaza into Israel. Spokesman Jay Carney says there is "no justification" for the violence perpetrated by Hamas and other terrorist organizations.
- Egypt's Islamist president Mohammed Morsi, whose party is an ally of Gaza's Hamas rulers, recalled Egypt's ambassador to Israel in protest and on Thursday ordered his prime minister to head to the tiny Palestinian territory in solidarity.
- Iran is another close ally of Hamas rulers. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast was quoted as calling the Israeli bombardment of Gaza "organized terrorism."

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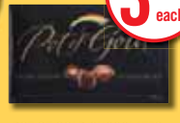
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FBI agent in Petraeus case has ties to Canada

Canadian connection. French education helped Humphries make 1999 arrest of Montreal-based al-Qaida member

There's now a Canadian connection to the David Petraeus sex scandal following revelations that the FBI agent who helped uncover the disgraced CIA director's extra-marital affair went to high school in Canada and played a key role in the infamous Ahmed Ressam case 13 years ago.

Frederick Humphries, one of the key players in the tawdry unravelling of Petraeus's once-storied career, set the wheels in motion for the general's downfall after he agreed last spring to investigate anonymous emails sent to a friend in Tampa, socialite Jill Kelley. That probe revealed



FBI agent Frederick Humphries KEVIN P. CASEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Petraeus's affair with Paula Broadwell, who was behind the harassing emails to Kelley, a woman she viewed as a rival for the four-star general's affections.

Humphries, 47, a counter-terrorism specialist at the FBI, was born in the Washington state community of Steilacoom but attended high school somewhere in Ontario. His mother and stepfather live in Illinois.

He reportedly learned French in the Canadian school system, a skill that helped him nab Ressam, who claimed to be a Montrealer in 1999 as he attempted to sneak across the Canada-U.S. border to blow up the Los Angeles airport in a thwarted millennium attack.

Ressam, an Algerian al-Qaida member who lived in Montreal, was apprehended with explosives in the trunk of his car on a Canadian ferry to the U.S. and claimed only to speak French. But while reading Ressam his rights in the language, Humphries immediately knew he was not Quebecois, detecting an Algerian accent instead. Before long, investigators discovered Ressam was using false ID and had charged him with plotting what would have been a deadly attack on one of the busiest airports in the U.S.

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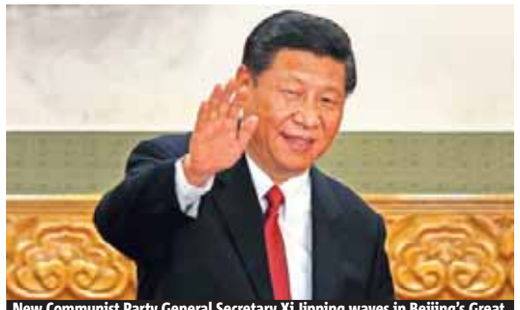
New leader. Xi addresses China's social services and global power

Long-anointed successor Xi Jinping assumes the leadership of China at a time when the ruling Communist Party is confronting slower economic growth, a public clamour to end corruption and demands for change that threaten its hold on power.

The country's political elite named Xi to the top party post on Thursday and unexpectedly put him in charge of the military too, after a weeklong party congress and months of divisive bargaining. The appointments give him broad authority but not the luxury of time. After decades of juggernaut growth, China sits on the cusp of global pre-eminence as the second-largest economy and newest power, but it also has urgent domestic troubles that could frustrate its rise.

In his first address to the nation, Xi, a 59-year-old son of a revolutionary hero, acknowledged the lengthy agenda for what should be the first of two five-year terms in office. He promised to deliver better social services while making sure China stands tall in the world and the party continues to rule.

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New Communist Party General Secretary Xi Jinping waves in Beijing's Great Hall of the People on Thursday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going underground

Guidelines could halt emissions

Scientists have completed work on what they are calling the world's first standards for storing carbon dioxide underground.

The International Performance Assessment Centre for Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide and the Canadian Standards Association have been working on the guidelines since 2009.

The process injects CO2 deep into a porous rock formation to prevent emissions from entering the atmosphere.

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Flight exercises to head over B.C.

Officials with the Colorado-based North American Aerospace Defence Command are holding exercise flights in the United States and Canada. Flights to practice intercept and identification procedures are scheduled Thursday off the coast of Seattle and British Columbia's Vancouver Island. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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Politicking. U.S. atheists sue IRS over church groups' electioneering

A U.S. group representing atheists and agnostics has filed a federal lawsuit arguing that the Internal Revenue Service is violating the constitution by allowing tax-exempt churches and religious organizations to get involved in political campaigns.

The Freedom from Religion Foundation argues that churches and religious organizations have become more involved in political campaigns, "blatantly and deliberately flaunting the electioneering restrictions."

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in Wisconsin cites several examples, including full-page ads that ran this fall in The New York Times and other newspapers by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association that featured a photo of renowned evangelist Billy Graham urging Americans to vote along biblical principles. Graham met in October with Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney and pledged to do "all I can" to help him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The lawsuit argues that the IRS is not enforcing the federal tax code, which prohibits tax-exempt religious organizations from electioneering.

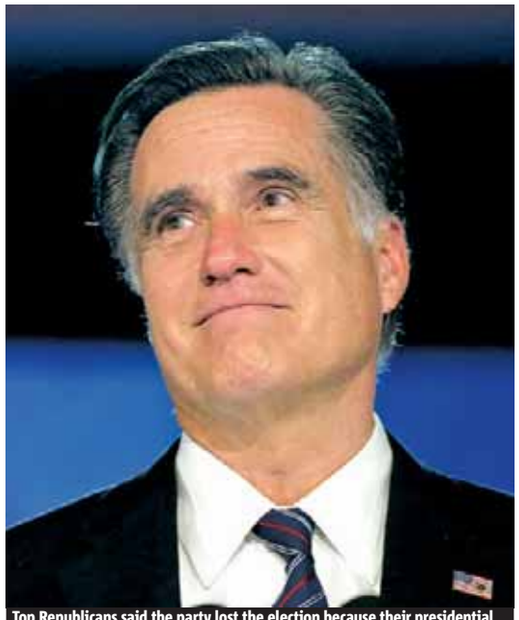
Teenage lap dance

Police investigate underage exotic dance party

Police are investigating reports that exotic dancers performed lap dances on teenagers at a boy's surprise 16th birthday party in New York state on Nov. 3. Saratoga County District Attorney James Murphy says child endangerment is among the potential charges.

Police Chief Kevin Judd says photos were given to his department capturing the party. At least one image shows a scantily clad woman clinging upside down to a seated teen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romney blames Obama's win on 'gifts' to minorities



Top Republicans said the party lost the election because their presidential candidate Mitt Romney, seen delivering his concession speech at his election night rally, did not respond to criticism strongly enough or outline a specific agenda with a broad appeal. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sore loser? Former presidential hopeful claims a superb campaign, while top Republicans point out several missteps

Former Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney says President Barack Obama won re-election last week because of the "gifts" Obama had provided to blacks, Hispanics and young voters and because of his effort to paint Romney as anti-immigrant.

"The president's campaign ... focused on giving targeted groups a big gift," Romney said in a phone call with top donors Wednesday. He cited immigration proposals aimed at Hispanics and free contraception coverage that appealed to young women. "He made a big effort on small things."

Romney said his campaign, in contrast, had been about "big issues for the whole country."

White House press secretary Jay Carney disputed Romney's assessment Thursday, telling reporters travelling with Obama aboard Air Force One that policies allowing more young people to go to college or stay on their parents' health plans are good for all Americans and the economy as a whole.

Romney also didn't acknowledge any major missteps and said his team had run a superb campaign.

By contrast, many Republicans are questioning their strategy after Obama's strong win, with some saying they must reach out to Hispanics and others as their core demographic, aging white males, shrinks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"I think that view of the American people or the electorate and the election is at odds with the truth of what happened last week."

White House press secretary Jay Carney

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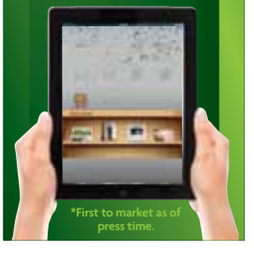
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Winnipeg drawn into 'Earth's rectum' debate

Stephen Colbert.
Comedian says Canucks are 'ootraged' by his comments

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Stephen Colbert says Winnipeg could be the "Earth's rectum." SCREENGRAB

No longer content to slag the city in print, Stephen Colbert has taken his disdain for Windsor, Ont., to the airwaves, and this time he's drawn in Winnipeg as well.

During Wednesday's broadcast of The Colbert Report, the political comedian said the "Maple-stream media" had taken offence to a passage in his latest book that suggests Windsor could be the Earth's rectum.

"Folks in Canada are 'ootraged,'" Colbert said.

Colbert defended his book and said he was just asking "probing" questions. He also dragged Winnipeg into the controversy. "Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know, it could just as easily be Winnipeg," he said.

Referring to a CBC poll, Colbert said being known as "the Earth's rectum is an improvement over Windsor's previous reputation."

Colbert's comments sparked a social-media campaign aimed at getting the comedian to visit the city. A Let's Get Stephen Colbert to Windsor Facebook page was created shortly after the show ended.

But by mid-morning Thursday, the page had only 84 likes, suggesting that feelings between Rose City residents and Colbert are mutual.

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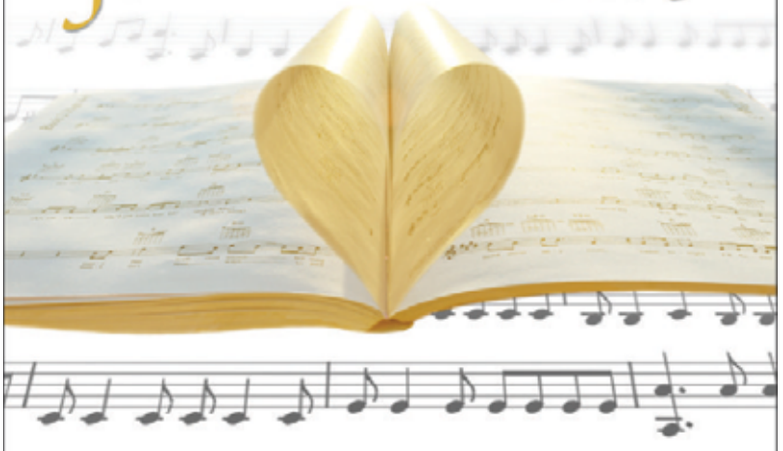
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Obama views Superstorm Sandy's devastation in N.Y.C.

Superstorm aftermath. President sees wreckage more than two weeks after the storm ripped through the region

President Barack Obama vowed Thursday to stick with New Yorkers still struggling 17 days after Superstorm Sandy "until the rebuilding is complete" after getting an up-close look at devastated neighbourhoods rendered unlivable.

Obama brought the spotlight to people still living without heat or electricity and hugged many of those trying to rebuild their lives. He also delivered a post-election message of unity, nine days after a closely divided America gave him a second term.

"We're reminded that we are bound together and we have to look out for each other," Obama said from a block in Staten Island that was demolished by the storm. "The petty differences melt away."

Obama announced that Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, former chief of New York's Housing Authority, will be his point person to oversee long-term rebuilding in the region.

The president encountered many still suffering in Sandy's aftermath, waiting in lines for food, supplies and other help. He also met privately with parents who experienced the most unthinkable tragedy — the loss of their young boys, Brandon and Connor Moore, who were swept away in the storm. Damien and Glenda Moore's sons were among more than 100 people who lost their lives because of the powerful storm.

"Obviously I expressed to them as a father, as a parent, my heartbreak over what they went through," Obama said. He said the Moores were "still a little shell-shocked" but wanted to thank the New York City police lieutenant who stayed with them and supported them until their boys' bodies were found.

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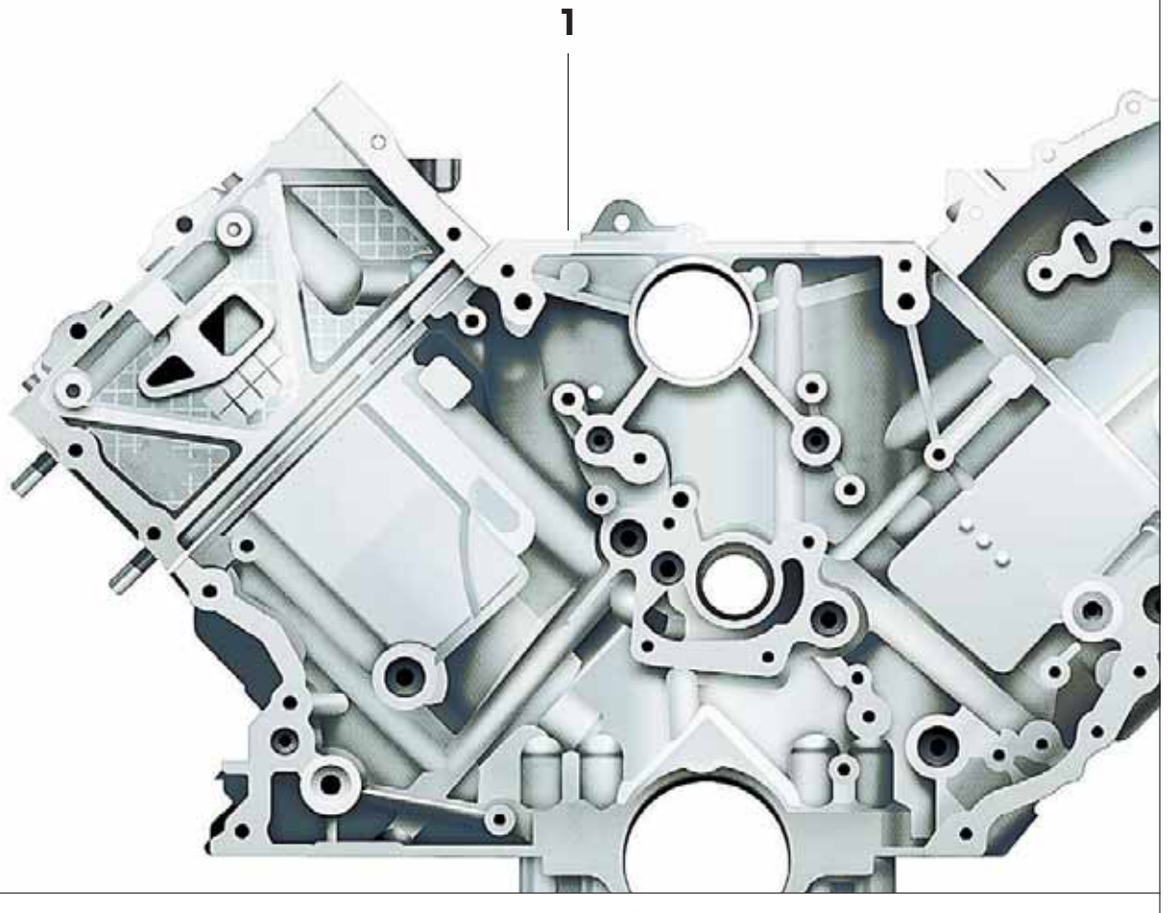
President Barack Obama, accompanied by, from left, Sen. Charles Schumer, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, hugs Debbie Ingenito Thursday on Cedar Grove Avenue. The street, on Staten Island, was significantly damaged by Superstorm Sandy. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BP to pay record $4.5B over Gulf oil disaster

New Orleans. As part of settlement, firm will plead guilty on charges related to worker deaths and lying to Congress



In this April 21, 2010, file image provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, fire-boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A day of reckoning arrived for BP on Thursday as the oil giant agreed to plead guilty to a raft of criminal charges and pay a record $4.5 billion US in a settlement with the U.S. government over the deadly 2010 disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Three BP employees were also charged, two of them with manslaughter.

The settlement and the indictments came 2 1/2 years after the drilling-rig explosion that killed 11 workers and set off the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The settlement includes nearly $1.3 billion in fines — the biggest criminal penalty in U.S. history — along with payments to entities inside and outside government. As part of the deal, the BP will plead guilty to charges related to the deaths of the 11 workers and to lying to Congress.

"We believe this resolution is in the best interest of BP and its shareholders," said Carl-Henric Svanberg, BP chairman. "It removes two significant legal risks and allows us to vigorously defend the company against the remaining civil claims."

Also, BP rig workers Robert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine were indicted on federal charges of manslaughter and involuntary manslaughters, accused of repeatedly disregarding abnormal high-pressure readings that should have been glaring indications of trouble just before the blowout.

In addition, David Rainey, BP's vice-president of exploration for the Gulf of Mexico at the time, was indicted on charges of obstruction of Congress and making false statements.

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Tax break for travel in Canada would be welcome, poll finds

Canadians are prepared to embrace the idea of a tax incentive for travelling within Canada, a new poll suggests.

A private member's bill tabled in the House of Commons by Liberal MP Massimo Pacetti proposes a tax credit for air, bus or train fares on non-business trips that cross at least three provincial borders.

Some 70 per cent of respondents to a recent Canadian Press-Harris/Decima poll expressed support for the idea. Regionally, almost eight in 10 respondents in Atlantic Canada liked it, with 75 per cent of those in British Columbia and Alberta in favour.

About four of every 10 people surveyed said they would be more likely to travel within Canada if the tax break was in place, the poll found.

Pacetti's Discover Your Canada Act would allow an income-tax deduction of 100 per cent of bus fares, 75 per cent on train tickets and 50 per cent for domestic flights, up to a maximum of $2,000.

As a private member's bill, the proposal is unlikely to become law. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

$4.2B

Canada's travel deficit — the difference between what travelling Canadians spend abroad and what foreign visitors spend here — hit $4.2 billion during the second quarter.

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Holiday spending

There'll be less under the tree this year: Survey

A new survey suggests Canadians may be a little more frugal this festive season.

The RBC Canadian Consumer Outlook found that while most Canadians appear to be in a gift-giving mood, they plan on spending less over the holidays than they did last year. Those who celebrate year-end festivities will spend $1,182 on gifts, decorations, entertaining and travel, down six per cent from last year's anticipated amount.

The online survey polled 3,375 people across the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hall of fame. Star Wars figures make toy history

Star Wars action figures are joining centuries-old dominoes in the U.S. National Toy Hall of Fame's class of 2012, announced Thursday.

Star Wars action figures went on the market after the 1977 release of the classic movie. The figures of Han Solo, Chewbacca, R2-D2 and others were sold until 1985 and again from the mid-1990s to today.

Museum officials said their phenomenal popularity inspired other toy makers to tie their products to movies and television series, and they noted the toys' appeal extends to adults, who continue to collect them. Dominoes originated in China in the 1300s and appeared later in Europe in a slightly different form.

The two toys beat out plastic green army men, the board game Clue, the Fisher-Price Corn Popper, Lite-Brite, the Magic 8 Ball, the pogo stick, sidewalk chalk, the electronic game Simon, the tea set and Twister. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Glum forecast. Eurozone falls back into recession

The 17-country eurozone has fallen back into recession for the first time in three years as the fallout from the region's financial crisis was felt from Amsterdam to Athens.

And with surveys pointing to increasingly depressed conditions across the 17-member group at a time of austerity and high unemployment, the recession is forecast to deepen, and make the debt crisis — which has been calmer of late — even more difficult to handle.

Official figures Thursday showed that the eurozone contracted by 0.1 per cent in the July to September period from the quarter before.

The decline reported by Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, was in line with market expectations and follows on from the 0.2 per cent fall recorded in the second quarter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

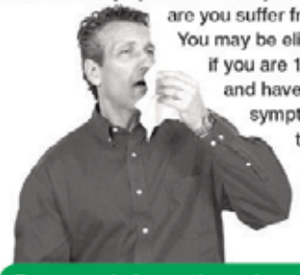
Definition

- A recession is commonly defined as two straight quarters of falling output.

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THE LIST
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You don't need a weatherman to tell which way the wind blows; you just need the Metro List.

1 **Justin Trudeau for king.** It will probably end up as a formality, but the federal Liberal leadership race is on, so far pitting the sexy son of a legendary philosopher-visionary prime minister against somebody named Martha Hall Findlay. Gotta like them odds, Martha.

2 **Old white men just wanna have fun.** Renowned for his strategic brilliance, Gen. David Petraeus also demonstrates that he can think with his little brain. After his affair with his biographer is revealed, Mrs. Petraeus is in shock, if not awe. Now the old soldier would dearly love to fade away … or crawl back under a nice rock.

3 **Navel-gazing for science.** The belly buttons of 66 volunteers at a North Carolina university were examined and researchers announced they contained 2,368 bacterial species, 1,458 of which may be new to science. One belly button alone harboured 107 species. I realize I say this a lot, but I am not making this up.

4 **Why do lemmings jump over the fiscal cliff?** Let me get this straight. Unless the U.S. Congress and the president come up with a new plan, a series of budgetary changes mandated to take place in the new year will plunge the world into recession? Why do I have a bad feeling about this?

5 **Like THIS on Facebook.** The Israeli Defense Forces blow up the car carrying the head of military operations for Hamas, immediately post the attack on YouTube and send the following tweet: "Ahmed Jabari: Eliminated." Geez.

6 **And then there's Nik Lewis.** In another inappropriate tweet, the slotback for the Calgary Stampeders issues the following bulletin: "I just bought O-J's gloves on eBay. Now all I need is a white girl named Nicole." First we had computer viruses, now we have social-media disease.

7 **Fifty million French persons outraged.** The French government apparently feels the need to save its citizens from Nutella, that hazelnut-and-chocolate spread that no French person can get through the day without. The Nutella tax, as it's being called, increases the price of the oil used to make Nutella by three times. What's next? Foie gras?

8 **Bieberwatch.** No doubt overwrought after his breakup with Selena Gomez over the weekend, Justin Bieber was pulled over by a Hollywood cop for making an unsafe left turn. How about that? He's old enough to drive. It's his second violation in six months. The other one was for driving without training wheels.



Been doing some navel-gazing lately? Betcha didn't know there's a whole kingdom of different species in there — some not even known to scientists yet. FLICKR

A human-made mandala



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Guinness record

Indian dancers set world record

Thousands of participants take part in the largest kaikottikali, a traditional Indian dance, in Mumbai — an achievement to celebrate Guinness World Records Day on Thursday.

The eighth annual event brought together more than 420,000 people worldwide, attempting to break an array of unique and amazing records. METRO

Dance in numbers

2,639

participants in the kaikottikali dance, the largest-ever event of its kind and a world-first: A dance of this scale is unprecedented.

Kaikottikali is a famous group-dance performed by women in the southwest Indian state of Kerala. This spectacle has eight to 10 women dancing in a symmetrical form. The dancers move in a circular pattern, accompanied by rhythmic hand-clapping, to the tune of the ritual song Thiruvathira pattu. As they move, they bend sideways, with their arms coming together in graceful gestures.

Other records

- **Most underpants worn.** 266 by Australian Steve Jacobs, who beat the previous record held by himself: 247.
- **Most people crammed in a Mini Cooper.** 28 is the new record for most people crammed in a modern Mini in London, England. Dani Maynard and her team beat the previous record by one person cramming in for a total of five seconds.

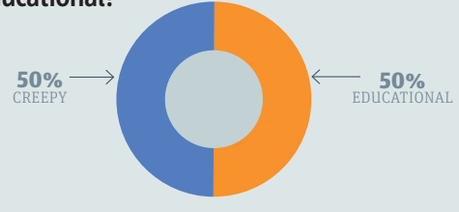


A graceful dance that smashed record: The world-first mass kaikottikali dance was organized by local charity Mumbai Pooram Foundation.

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A breast-feeding baby doll — creepy or educational?



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@keshiaeo: Why in the he-- did the city of Ottawa invest in this Presto system if it doesn't friggin work!? #WastingMyTime #WastingMyMoney

@Shay_Purdy: On my walk to work this morning: Kegs and ice sculptures being delivered to @RealSportsOTT#Ottawa #BywardMarket #ohboyohboyohboyohboy

@Tobolowsky: Ottawa is quite startling in many ways. No cats. No clocks. A billion stars at night and the Northern Lights.

@HeatherGoesWest: Dear Ottawa: Please bring me shawarma, maple syrup, beaver tails, and Smoque Shack. Hugs and kisses.

@eh_mehta: Why do so many famous artists skip ottawa? #onedirection #maroon5

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Bella and Edward's immortal romance has just begun. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Going out with a fang

Breaking Dawn - Part 2. In this Reel Guys, Liz Brown, a TwiHard, helps skeptic Richard Crouse understand the final installment

Richard: Liz, this is it… or is it just the beginning of Edward and Bella's immortal romance? I don't know. All I know is the film franchise is over and it goes out with probably the most enjoyable movie of the bunch. It's out with the angst, and in with a newfound sense of fun. The previous movies struck me as overly ponderous; this one is actually quite funny, occasionally bordering on camp. And that's OK given that the story of vampire babies and ab-tastic werewolves is rather silly. Tell me, superfan, what did you think?

Liz: Richard, the first step is admitting you have a problem — and I do. I fell for the fang when I picked up Christopher Pike's The Last Vampire series in Grade 6. Twilight brought me back to that time — daydreaming about brooding, loner vampires and wishing I had superpowers. It seems in this last installment the franchise has whole-heartedly embraced its camp. I prefer my femmes to lean towards the fatale, so it was nice to see Kristen Stewart finally stop biting her lip and show us her blood-thirsty side.

RC: I agree! Four movies of brooding Bella and Edward's ennui was enough. The sad faces and staring off into space may have captured the pain of teen love, but, if you'll excuse the pun, they also sucked some of the lifeblood from the story. The newlyweds still share eternal love, but now they're having some fun. Edward, if you watch closely, even smiles occasionally. It's a big step from the first installments and, unsurprisingly, it makes for a more fun movie.

LB: I'm sorry Richard, I'm still firmly Team Jacob, so I didn't pay Edward much heed. But I'll agree — the actors are having fun in this final hurrah. The most fun for me? Jacob's semi-nude explanation of the supernatural. Judging from the cheers in the crowd, I'm not the only one who enjoyed it. But I was a little disappointed with the action scenes. I know it's a film for tweens, but couldn't the battles have a bit more style?

RC: I thought I heard you let out a squeal when Lautner stripped down. Don't worry. I won't tell anyone. The action scenes are bloodless for the most part. The Walking Dead makes this look like Sesame Street, but I liked the steely look of determination on Dakota Fanning's face throughout. I just hope she wasn't paid by the word for her mostly mute performance.

Synopsis

It can be said that the world can be divided into two groups: Those who like the Twilight movies and those who don't get the vampire romance movies. We look at why fanpires are addicted to this undead love story.

- Richard:
- Liz:

LB: Yes, Fanning's Jane doesn't get too many lines this time out, but overall this film is less talky than the others — and that's a good thing. I'm sad to bid farewell to the Cullens, but I'm certain they'll be happy in their "perfect piece of forever." My inner tween now anxiously awaits the next adventure of Katniss Everdeen.

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Drama



Lincoln

Director. Steven Spielberg

Stars. Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field

Lincoln focuses on a short period in Honest Abe's career, zeroing in on the backroom politics that led to the passage of the anti-slavery 13th Amendment through the House of Representatives. The first glimpse of Daniel Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln feels like watching a Yankee five-dollar bill come to life. It's a remarkable performance in a movie filled with great acting. Tommy Lee Jones and Sally Field also impress, but it is director Steven Spielberg who really brings this ambitious and important story to life.

RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy/Drama



The Sessions

Director. Ben Lewin

Stars. John Hawkes, Helen Hunt

The Sessions should be anything but the jovial, feel-good flick that it is. Based on the real life of Mark O'Brien (played brilliantly by John Hawkes) a quadriplegic poet and writer who hired a surrogate to explore his sexuality, moviegoers may expect murky melodrama. Instead, writer/director Ben Lewin refuses to patronize, gracing the film with a light, matter-of-fact quality. The result is an intelligent, nuanced comedy that reassures audiences of their own relationship to sexuality.

STEVE GOW

Actors find the silver lining in tough roles

Silver Linings Playbook. Working with David O. Russell drew out raw performances in Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence

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Director David O. Russell is a rare breed of filmmaker whose name transcends the project it's attached to. Mark Wahlberg tried for years to get the Fighter made before Russell got on board — and just try explaining I Heart Huckabees to someone who's never seen it.

So it was with Silver Linings Playbook, the director's latest starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence.

"These are the kinds of films I dreamed about making as a kid," says Cooper, who cites Russell's Spanking the Monkey as a favourite of his.

Lawrence says she didn't even read the script before taking the part.

"Then I did and I was glad I said yes."

After having its world premiere at this year's Toronto International Film Festival the story of a mentally ill teacher trying to put his life back together won the fest's People's Choice Award.

What makes Russell's films so unique, says Lawrence, is his ability to make the audience sympathize with unsympathetic characters.

"He's the only filmmaker who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Yes Russell has a reputation for being brutal with his actors.

A clip on YouTube called I Don't Heart Huckabees shows the filmmaker verbally berating actress Lily Tomlin on the set for Huckabees.

Russell explains that he likes working with actors who can figure out a scene on the spot.

Lawrence calls working with him "perfection," while Cooper says, "David has a unique ability to get people to go to their core instantaneously."

"The actors gave so much of themselves," says Russell. "We had choices in the editing room. We could have made them so much less likeable."

The rawness of their performances are on the screen. Cooper's character Pat has just been released from a court ordered mental institution and is prone to violent outbursts after moving in with his parents.

Despite a lack of social graces, Pat befriends Tiffany, a widowed sex addict played by Lawrence, who promises to get him in touch with his estranged wife.

Neither character's lives are clean says Russell. In fact they're quite messy, but both share their feelings and tell the truth.

Given the dark subject matter, that the film retains Russell's trademark black humour is a testament to the realness of the characters says Cooper.

"When that starts to happen it gets funny, it gets tragic — it gets real."

Quoted

"He's the only filmmaker who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Jennifer Lawrence on David O. Russell's ability to make audiences sympathetic to unsympathetic characters.



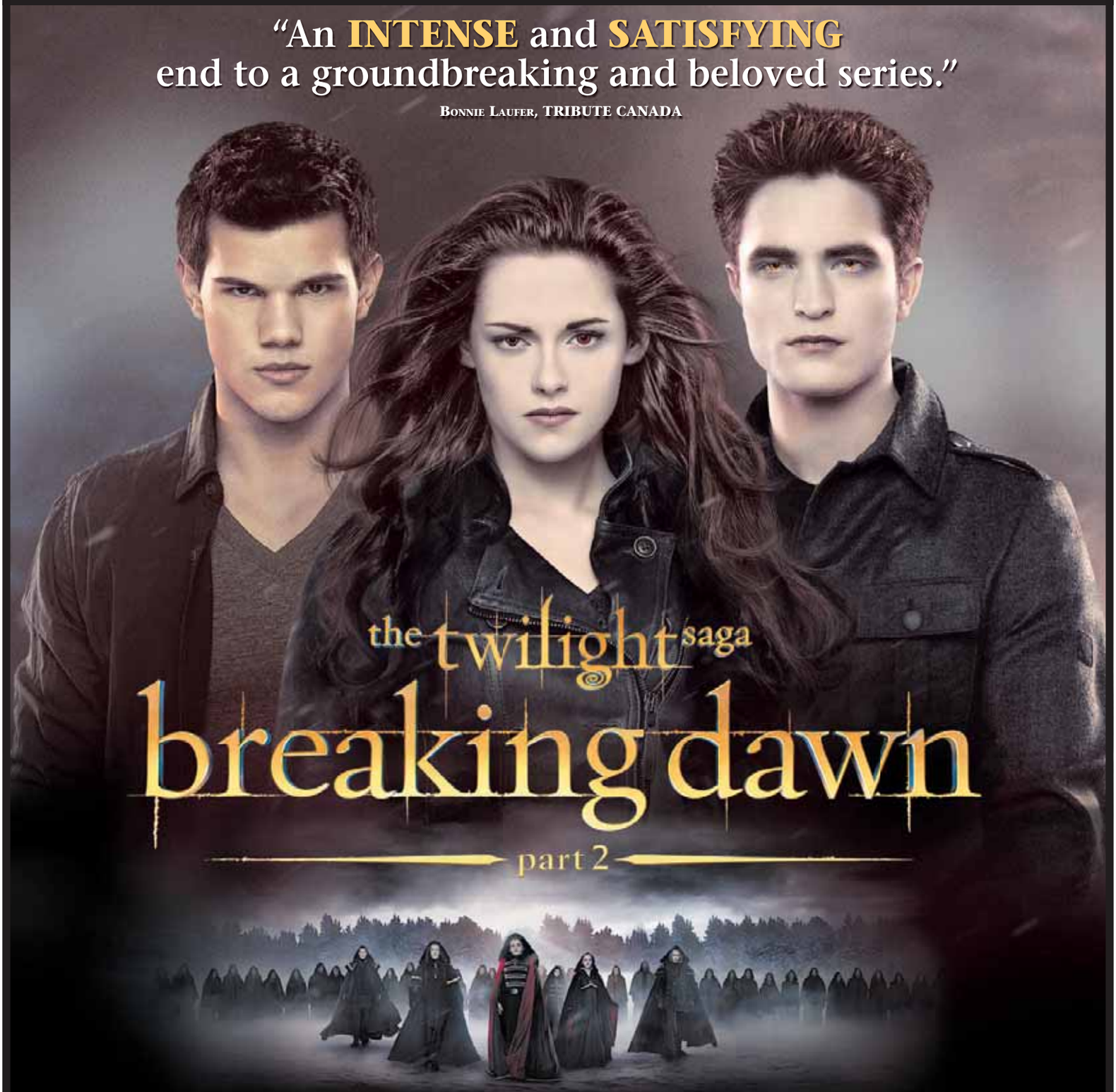


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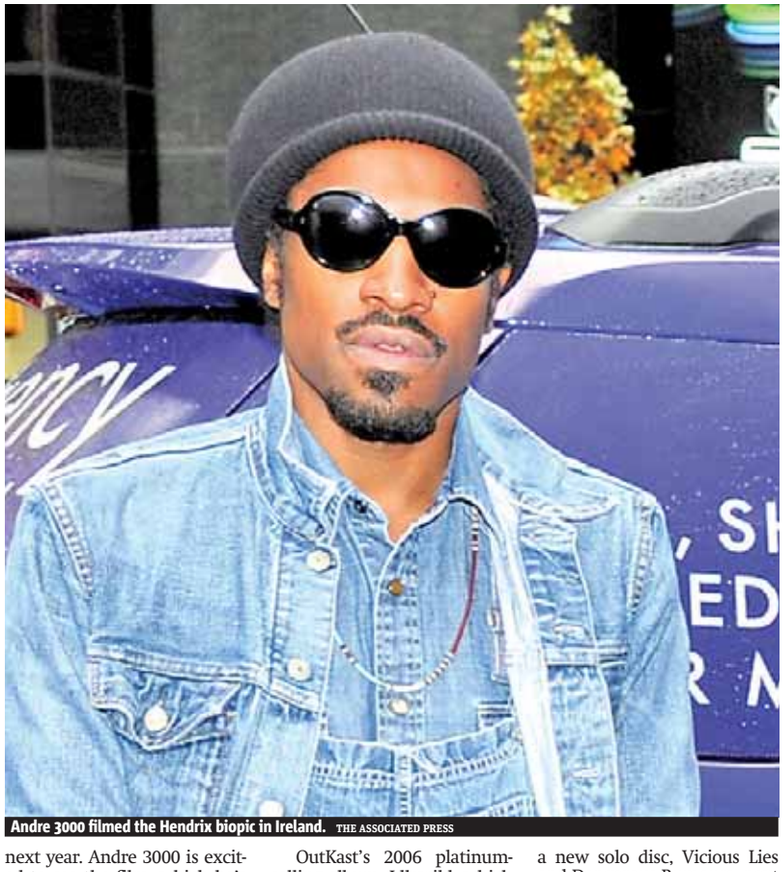
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Andre 3000 talks music and trying to humanize Hendrix

Rock star biopic. Actor and musician aimed to find the regular guy inside the legendary guitar icon



Andre 3000 filmed the Hendrix biopic in Ireland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jimi Hendrix, arguably the greatest guitarist ever, died tragically at the age of 27. HANDOUT

In order to capture his best version of Jimi Hendrix for an upcoming biopic, Andre 3000 said he had to think of him as a regular dude and not a rock star.

"I didn't look at him as an icon because when you're in it, you don't know you're an icon. You don't know you're an icon until other people say you're an icon," the 37-year-old said in an interview Tuesday.

"So I had to take it as a person, you know what I mean? And I just tried to say, 'Well, what would Jimi want people to know that they can't get off of YouTube?' And that's how I approached it," he said.

Hendrix died at age 27 in 1970. He was ranked No. 1 on Rolling Stone magazine's greatest guitarists of all-time list. His band, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, is known for iconic albums such as Electric Ladyland and Are You Experienced.

All Is by My Side, which focuses on the early days of Hendrix's career, will be released next year. Andre 3000 is excited to see the film, which he's finished shooting in Ireland. He believes the public "will be pleased."

Andre 3000, one-half of OutKast with Big Boi, has been out of the music scene in recent years, although he's been featured on songs by Beyoncé, Frank Ocean, Rick Ross, Ke$ha and Young Jeezy.

OutKast's 2006 platinum-selling album, Idlewild, which accompanied a film of the same name starring the duo, was their last album. Their 11-time platinum Speakerboxxx/The Love Below won the 2004 Grammy Award for album of the year.

Big Boi, who released a solo album two years ago to welcoming reviews, will release a new solo disc, Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumours, next month.

But Andre 3000 isn't in a rush to record an album.

"Some days I feel like I'll do it, some days I don't. Some days I feel like I don't need to, some days I feel like I want to do it before I die. So, I don't know where to fall. I am just hoping one day I get that inspiration," he said at an event for Gillette's eMO'gency Styler Tour, which supports men's health and prostate cancer programs. The tour kicked off in New York, with stops scheduled in Chicago and Houston.

"It's a feeling for me. Like, I can't just throw out an album to be rapping," he said. "And I don't even know if it will be rap. I don't even know what it will be."

However, he could find the inspiration and complete an album in just a few days: "It could be a rush situation. Like if I feel that feeling and I record an album in three days and I'm like, 'This is what I want to say right now' – that can happen, too."

He also says he's constantly writing songs.

"I write all the time ... I actually stopped typing it in my phone because like a cloud is basically reading every thought that I have and I don't like that," he said. "So I went back to my paper and started writing."

He's not sure fans want a new OutKast album for the right reasons.

"Man, we've had a great ride. ... Like when we got into it when we were high school kids and we just wanted to do something fun and push it, and if it's not that then why do it?" he said.

"I'm not the type that prescribes to nostalgia, and most people say they want an OutKast album because they used to love it. Y'all don't even know if y'all still love it. You just know you used to love it. But you may not like it now, who knows?"

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Being Hendrix

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Andre 3000
On playing rock star Jimi Hendrix.

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Keira's Karenina flips costume drama on its head with ballet-like production

Period drama. '...people are either going to love it or absolutely (expletive) hate it...'

Keira Knightley's language was anything but prim and proper when she discovered what director Joe Wright had planned for Anna Karenina, their latest period drama together.

To hear Knightley tell it, some F-bombs were soundly dropped.

Knightley wasn't swearing out of anger with Wright, who directed her to an Academy Award nomination for 2005's Pride & Prejudice and to similar critical success on 2007's Atonement. She worried that Wright's unusual approach to Leo Tolstoy's epic of doomed romance would make the hard-sell of a period drama even harder.

While Pride & Prejudice and Atonement were fresh, lively takes for an age that finds costume drama drowsy, Wright planned a wild and possibly off-putting ride on Anna Karenina, confining most of the action to a dilapidated theatre where the actors would perform in a stylized cinematic ballet without the usual grand sweep of period-drama locations.

"The first thing I said was 'Oh (expletive)!' I was like, well, people are really either going to love it or absolutely (expletive) hate it," Knightley said. "I also was going ... you're taking it and spinning it on its head and turning it into something that is potentially totally uncommercial. Into an experimental sort of art-house film..."

"I also went '(expletive), yeah. Let's give it a go."'

The result is a fluid story that unfolds as much like dance as film, with a brisk pace compared to most period stories and contemporary sensibilities next to earlier takes on Anna Karenina, whose previous big-screen adaptations have featured Greta Garbo and Vivien Leigh.

Reality gives way to fantasy in the opening moment, as a barber approaches Anna's brother, Oblonsky (Pride & Prejudice co-star Matthew Macfadyen), like a matador approaching a bull and shaves him clean with three lightning strokes of his razor. Walls roll aside, props rise up from trapdoors, a swirl of clerks in an office turns into a rush of waiters in a restaurant as Wright dispenses with realistic and time-consuming transitions in favour of a motion picture perpetually in motion.



Keira Knightley, a cast member in Anna Karenina, poses for a photographer at the premiere of the film at The Arclight Hollywood on Wednesday.
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The action in Moscow and St. Petersburg, where Knightley's Anna forsakes her staid husband (Jude Law) in an affair with a young cavalry officer (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), shifts around an aging theatre. The idea was inspired by Wright's reading of historian Orlando Figes, who commented that 19th century Russian socialites modeled themselves on Parisians and lived their lives as though on stage, emulating that ideal.

Wright has built a career emulating the ideal of the period drama, once a mainstay for movie audiences now mainly interested in futuristic action or stories of the here and now.

But Wright keeps looking for fresh ways to tell those old stories to modern crowds.

"I feel that the stories themselves are rich and relevant," Wright said. "The concern really is that the form that those stories are told in, it has become kind of stuffy and old-fashioned." But he adds, "just because it's set in the 19th century, it doesn't mean it has to look like it was shot in the 19th century."

One of the first people Wright had to win over on his bold approach to Anna Karenina was playwright Tom Stoppard, an Oscar winner for the Shakespeare in Love screenplay who had adapted Tolstoy's novel with a conventional location shoot in mind.

Two months before production began, Wright decided to switch the action to a confined space and sprang it on Stoppard, saying he would only go ahead if his writer agreed.

"He came around with a big folder of storyboards, and the more I got into it, the more interested and finally excited I was about it," Stoppard said. "It gives the movie a modern spirit, that's what it does. It's not the costume drama we've seen before."

It's not even the costume drama we've seen before from Wright and Knightley, who defied expectations with Pride & Prejudice and Atonement.

Knightley had just scored with Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl and flopped as Guinevere in King Arthur when Pride & Prejudice came along, while Wright had directed only for television. So they looked like upstarts taking on Jane Austen's best-loved novel.

After that worked, they raised eyebrows again with Atonement, based on Ian McEwan's celebrated novel, which many considered unfilmmable because of its elliptical structure that spans six decades.

"Then that worked, too," Knightley said. "When we got to Anna Karenina, everyone was like, 'Oh that's great, you'll do that really well.' I think that freaked both of us out. The idea that people thought they knew what we'd do with it was something I don't think any of us felt very comfortable with.

"There was a general feeling that if we're all going to do this again, then we really need to push ourselves. The idea with this is we were very much walking hand in hand with total, absolute failure all the time ... If it fails, it fails, but at least you know that everybody's put everything into it."

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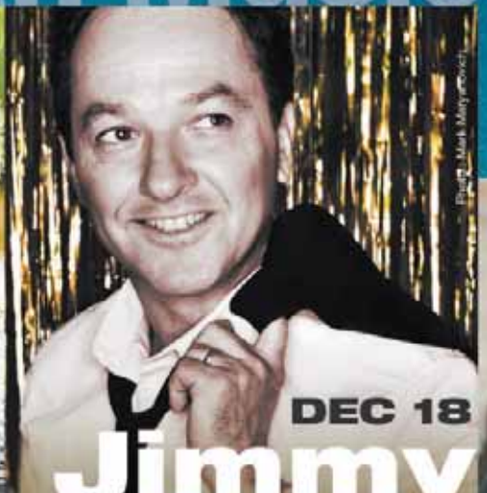
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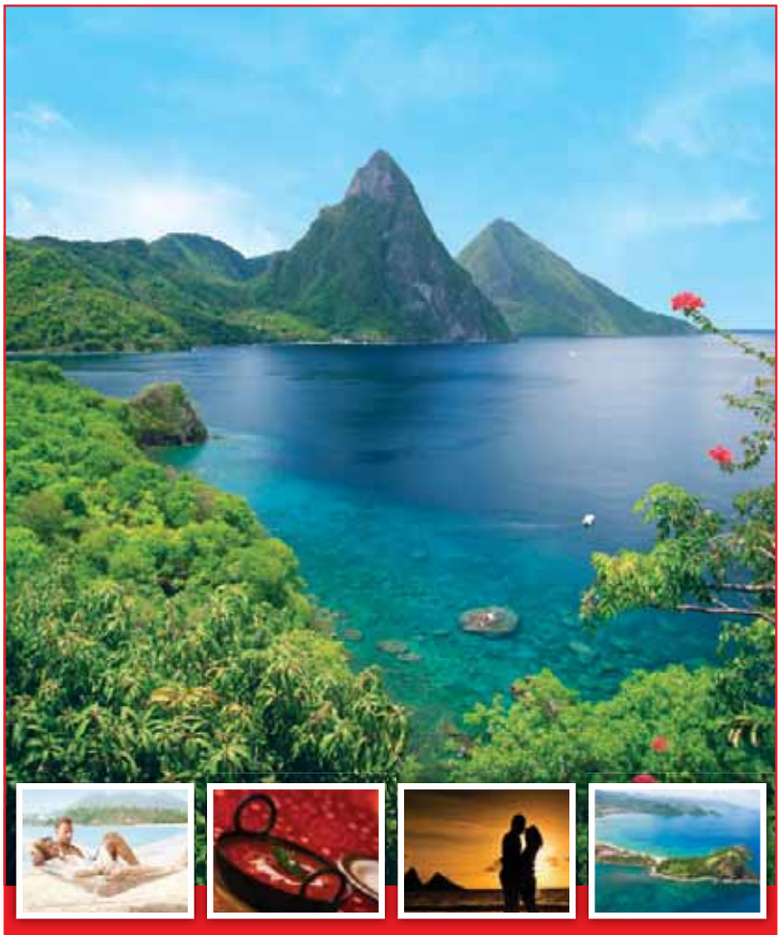
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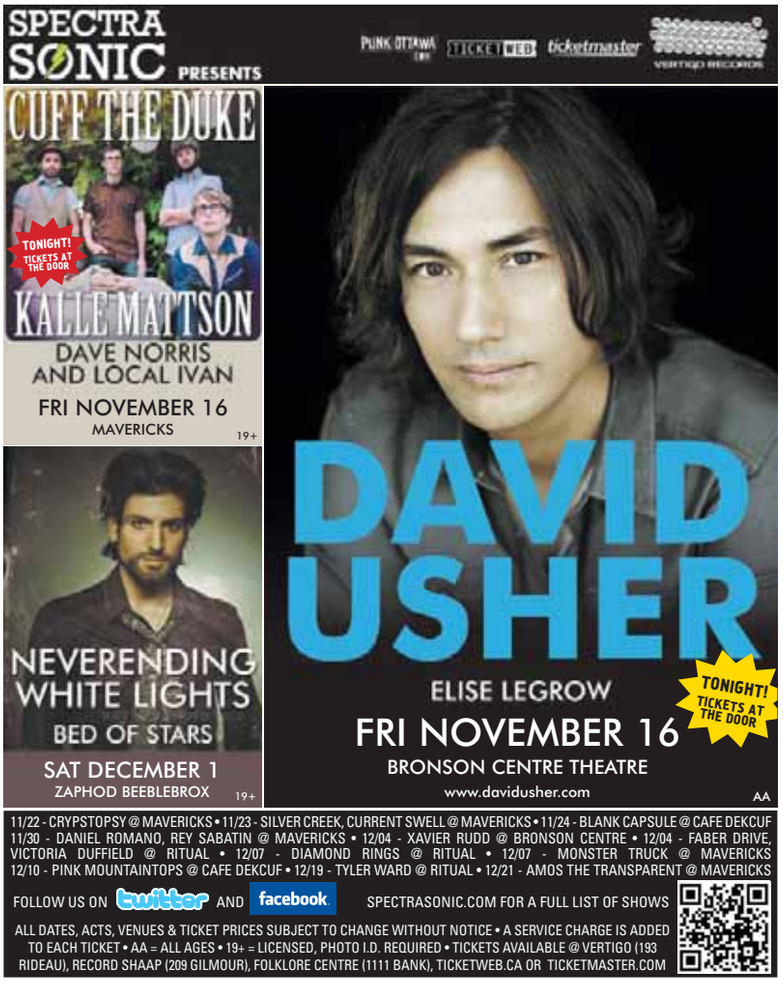
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Amy Heckerling: Witnessing ‘Vamps’ of a different colour

Manhattan blood suckers. Veteran director latest to explore vampire genre

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York City

Edward and Bella aren’t the only bloodsuckers in town. Veteran director Amy Heckerling, whose teen comedies Fast Times at Ridgemont High and Clueless have become modern classics, tried her hand at the vampire genre.

But it was never her intention to jump on a bandwagon.

“I mean, I wrote this before Twilight came out and I didn’t read the books. ... That was a whole other world I’m not a big fan of,” Heckerling explains. “I don’t know where they live — out in the northern West Coast kind of area — I’m a city person and I wanted to feel what it would be like to just always stay young, to go to school, to have a part-time job, to have friends, to go out and do the things that I think would be fun to do endlessly.”

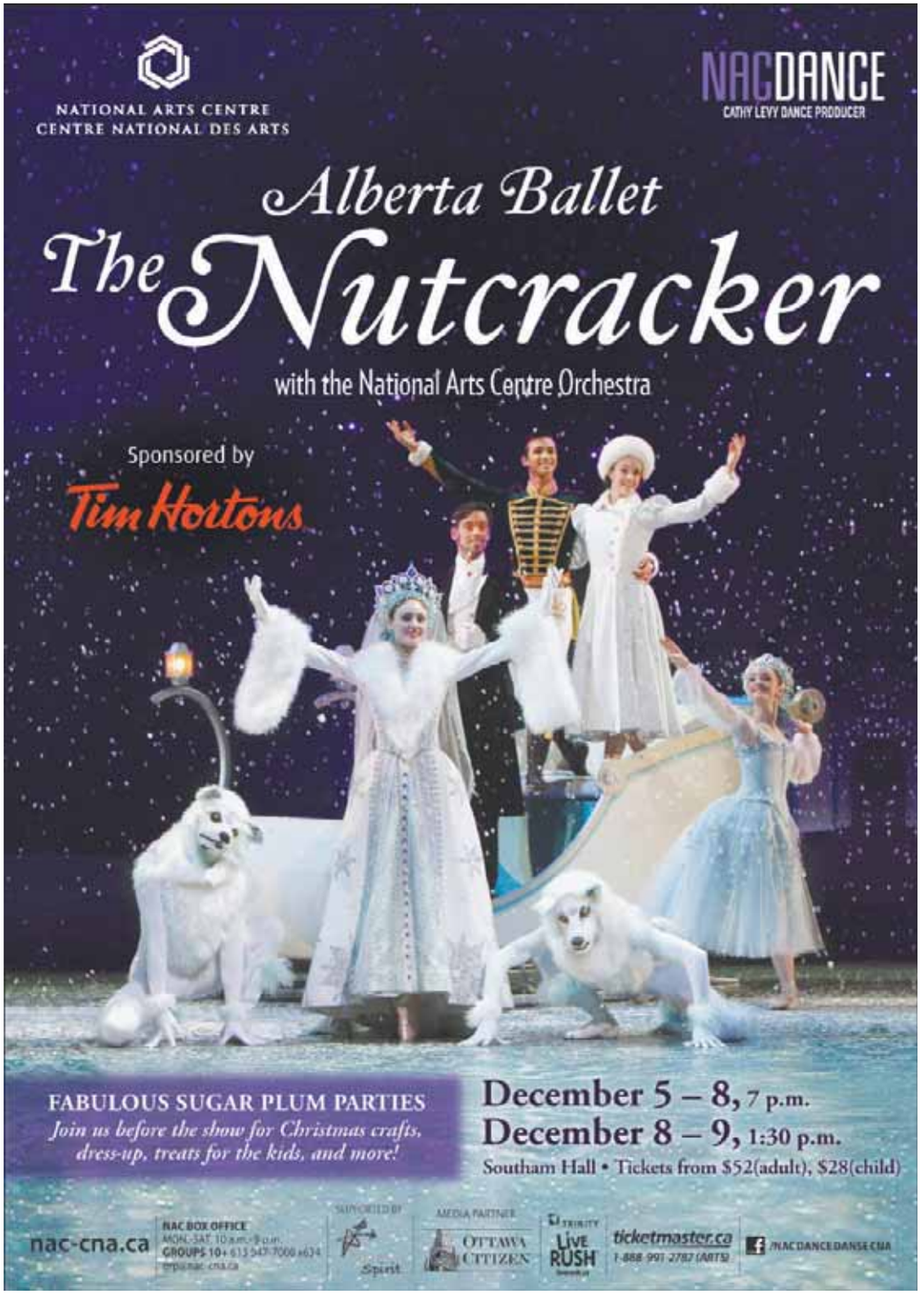
And so we have Vamps, starring Clueless actress Alicia Silverstone and Don’t Trust the B-- in Apartment 23 star Krysten Ritter. The ladies play roommates who look for love in Manhattan while also trying to avoid the urge to suck the blood of their suitors.

The rules for how a vampire lives, eats and sleeps are different for each and every story told about them. But when creating her own vampire universe, Heckerling turned to the classics for inspiration.

“What I liked was in Bram Stocker’s Dracula,” she says. “I feel like he laid out a nice history and set of rules. But then the Anne Rice situation of ‘Interview with the Vampire’ — the main character did not have to kill people. For me, I think people are sympathetic if you don’t kill people. It’s just a quirk of mine. I went with [the idea] that they needed warm running blood from a mammal. These girls were trying to be nice and do as little harm as possible.”

As for explaining why these fictional creatures have been so popular, Heckerling has a simple, sensible answer:

“I don’t find it surprising in the world that where people in their 30s, 40s and 50s [who are] obsessed with extending the 20s forever would be a society that would gravitate to vampires,” she says. “How can you really keep it together forever? As far as mythology goes, vampires can!”





Director Amy Heckerling attends the Cinema Society and Rachael Ray Nutrish with Grey Goose Cherry Noir screening of Darling Companion at the Tribeca Grand Screening Room in April. STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Justin Bieber

Poor driving lands Bieber in hot water

The bad news keeps coming for newly single Justin Bieber.

The Canadian pop star returned to L.A. and within 24 hours found himself pulled over by the sheriff's department for his poor driving skills, according to Hollyscoop.

"He was cited for an unsafe left turn and expired registration," a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman says. Bieber is due in court January 14 for the citations.

Depp arranges private concert for daughter



Johnny Depp

Being the daughter of Johnny Depp certainly has its perks.

When the Pirates of the Caribbean star learned that British boy band One Direction was in Los Angeles last week, he had them come over to his home studio to give a private concert for daughter Lily Rose's 13th birthday, according to the Sun.

"He brought out his piano and guitars for the boys to test and they had a little jam session," a source says. "Lily Rose just watched with her blushing mates while her dad temporarily joined the world's biggest boy band."

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@ElizabethHurley
Thanku for humidifying tips!



@lancearmstrong
Back in Austin and just layin' around...



@JonahHill
Thanks for all the 21 Jump Street love. We're working on the sequel. It's so cool to work on it knowing people dug the 1st one.



@SarahSilverman
When a woman doesn't wanna get married she's a weirdo, when a man doesn't wanna get married he's George Clooney



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Love is all you need

Lindsay Lohan may have pinpointed the source of all her unhappiness. According to the troubled actress, she's never found true love.

"Love is scary and I'm yet to find that one person. Yes, I've been in love with people — maybe one or two — but I haven't really had a true love yet," she tells the Daily Mirror. I love being in love. There's nothing better than that first feeling of being in love, so I look forward to having that at some point."



Elizabeth Banks

Banks announces birth of second son

Elizabeth Banks and husband Max Handelman welcomed their second son recently, a baby boy named Magnus Mitchell Handelman, she announced on her website.

"As 2012 winds down and Thanksgiving approaches, I have much for which to be thankful — personal, professional, and Presidential. However, nothing can match the joy and excitement my husband and I felt when we recently welcomed our second baby boy," Banks writes. "Magnus joins older brother Feliz, thus commencing a decade or more of close hand-to-hand combat."

Both of Banks' children were born via gestational surrogate.

The Word

Guy Fieri responds to scathing New York Times review



Guy Fieri is understandably upset with the New York Times' withering review of his new Times Square restaurant, Guy's American Kitchen & Bar.

"I just thought it was ridiculous," Fieri says in an interview with the Today Show.

"There's good and there's bad in the restaurant business. That one went overboard."

The review, a series of criticizing questions posed to Fieri about the restaurant, service and dishes, including, "Why did the toasted marshmallow taste like fish?" "When we hear the words Donkey Sauce, which part of the donkey are we supposed to think about?" and, "When you hung that sign by the entrance that says, WELCOME TO FLAVOR TOWN!, were you just messing with our heads?"

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It doesn't matter how you slice it: Canadians love their pizza. Fresh or frozen, baked in a wood-fired brick oven or from a neighbourhood take-out joint, the way we devour it almost makes you think that Italians discovered the Great White North.

While my quest for that perfect mix of dough, sauce and toppings has taken me everywhere from Naples, Italy to Sydney, Australia, I've discovered that the hunt for the perfect pie really begins at home.

Making a pizzeria style version in your own kitchen isn't rocket science — especially when you keep things simple like a Pizza Margherita: The classic Napoli pie that, with its combo of tomato, mozzarella and basil, was designed to mirror the Italian flag.

As a general rule, your average pizza is pretty vino friendly. Without meaty influences, a lighter, leaner red makes the ideal quaffable match. Bolla's 2011 Valpolicella Classico ($11.95 - $15.50) is a perennial by-the-glasser at in-the-know pizza parlours. Its soft, fruity blend of cherry and subtle spice makes as happy a marriage with a Margherita-style pizza as it does with a mainstream.

PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Master Italian with the Cake Boss

New cookbook. The TLC star shares 100 of his favourite recipes

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Sundays at Buddy Valastro's house are ruled by three f-words: food, family and football. It's a day for the star of TLC's hit show Cake Boss to throw on his New York Giants jersey while his wife, Lisa, whips up tomato sauce.

But the man behind Carlo's Bakery also knows his way around the kitchen — so much so that he has released Cooking Italian with the Cake Boss: Family Favorites As Only Buddy Can Serve Them Up. The 100-recipe book features Italian-American dishes with signature touches that may just expand Valastro's boss reputation to boiling pots of gnocchi.



Buddy Valastro has released a new Italian cookbook. SUBMITTED

The book is dedicated to your wife. Who is really the boss in your kitchen?

I gotta give it up to my wife, she is definitely the boss of cooking in my house. I wanted to dedicate a book to her and I'm so happy it's this one because a lot of the recipes are hers, so I feel like I didn't just steal from her.

I have to pit you against your mom and your wife, and ask, who is the best cook?

Oh, I'm definitely the best cook out of the three. They won't even try to deny it. My food has a lot more flavour profile to it. I attribute that to having a really unique palate.

Is there anything you haven't mastered in Italian cooking?

I don't consider myself a master. At the end of the day, nothing brings families together like food, but sometimes people get in a rut. Take my wife, great cook, but she makes the same stuff every week. So I want the book to make people think, 'You know what? Instead of making plain veal cutlets, I'm gonna make Veal Saltimbocca. Let me try something new'.

Aside from Italian, what else do you like to cook?

My favourite is probably Asian.

Are we going to get a Cooking Chinese with Buddy book?

I don't know about cooking Chinese, but Buddy can make some damn good fried rice.

Recipe

Pizza Margherita

1. Position rack in bottom of oven and set pizza stone on rack. Preheat to 450 F.
2. Lightly work surface and a pizza peel with cornmeal. Pat and stretch or roll out the dough to a 9- to 10-inch round. In one swift movement, lift the dough by one edge and drag it onto peel.
3. Use ladle to spoon sauce into centre of dough, then use back of ladle to spread it, leaving 1/2-inch border. Scatter mozzarella decoratively over pizza.
4. Open oven and carefully slide pizza onto stone. Bake until crust is golden brown and cheese bubbles, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove pizza with peel. Scatter basil over pizza, season with pinch of salt, and drizzle with extra-virgin olive oil.
5. Transfer pizza to a serving platter. Slice into 6 slices, and serve.

- Cornmeal, for dusting your work surface and pizza peel
- 1/3 Pizza Dough recipe (page 95) or store-bought pie
- 1/4 cup Pizza Sauce (page 97) or store-bought
- 4 oz fresh mozzarella, sliced into rounds, drained on paper towels
- 6 leaves fresh basil
- Kosher salt
- Extra-virgin olive oil, for serving

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Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
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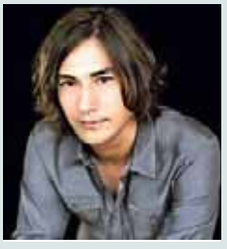
Come out for Cuff the Duke

Alt-country indie darlings Cuff the Duke bring their rootsy sound to Mavericks with local folk rockers Kalle Mattson. For fans of Blue Rodeo, Union is the second of a Juno-nominated two part album project that has the band adding more sound textures to their signature harmonies and guitar solos. November 16. Cuffttheduke.ca



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Usher it in

With 1.3 million albums sold and countless top 10 singles, David Usher's songs like Push captured the hearts of alternative fans in the late 1990s. He returns to the Bronson Centre in support of his new solo album Songs from the Last Day on Earth. Nov. 16. Davidusher.com



Daringly Dior? The Vintage Clothing Show awaits

Whether you're classically Chanel or daringly Dior, designer labels meet vintage treasures of rare items at the event fashionistas count down for every year. Funky estate jewelry to pill box hats from the 1930s will be part of the hundred years of style to be represented at the Ottawa Convention Centre. November 18. Ottawavintageclothingshow.com



Turn it inside out

The best LGBT films come to the National Art Gallery to bring you the most fearless, shameless and all around fabulous films from around the world for Inside Out's 6th year event. TIFF and Sundance featured films like Cloudburst and Stud Life will be screened along with buzz-worthy Canadian film Margarita. November 16-18. Insideout.ca/ottawafestival



Storytelling Festival: Naked Narrative

Hollywood stars seek to get "naked' at the Ottawa International Story Tellers' Naked Narrative festival happening at Saint Brigid's over the weekend. Stories are told through arts of spoken word, music and theatrics. Not to be missed are actor Stephen Tobolowsky (Memento, Seinfeld) and iconic dancer Peggy Baker. November 16-18. Ottawastorytellers.ca





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gift guide

Game ON

Nintendo Wii U — $299.99 and up.



Below, clockwise, from top left: Gunnar Technology Eyewear — $79.99; Pulse Wireless Stereo Headset: Elite Edition — $149.99; PS Vita — $249 and up; Skylanders Giants: Starter pack — $74.99; Kinect — $109.99.

Best buys for the gamer on your list



MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Since the early '80s, video game consoles have always been big sellers around the holidays. This year is no different.

The competition between Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft continues to heat up. Here is some of the best gaming gear you can give.

Nintendo Wii U — $299.99 and up

While it looks very similar to the Wii, the Wii U is a brand new console. With beefed up hardware and intense graphical power, this will be the first Nintendo console to feature HD graphics. What really sets it apart is the new GamePad controller. As well as traditional buttons, the GamePad features a 6.2-inch touchscreen, stylus, accelerometer, gyroscope, Near-Field Technology, front facing camera and microphone. Nintendo promises to introduce new styles of gameplay never seen before. More importantly, when mom and dad want to watch TV, the Wii U console will stream the game to the screen on the GamePad so everyone remains happy. The Wii U is also backwards compatible with nearly all Wii games and controllers.



PS Vita — $249 and up

Playstation takes portable gaming to the next level with the PS Vita. This handheld console features a vibrant five-inch touchscreen display, dual analog sticks, motion sensors, stereo speakers and two cameras. Surf the web, video chat with friends o r challenge them to a game online via Wi-Fi or 3G. A rear touchpad introduces unique elements of gameplay not seen on any other handheld console.



Kinect — $109.99

It's easy to dismiss video games as being just for kids, but Microsoft's Kinect for the Xbox 360 is so intuitive, even adults will have fun. The Kinect sensor uses a camera to actually put you in the game. There is no controller, just you. All your movements are shown on screen, which makes it perfect for dance or fitness games. Whether it's for fitness or fun, Kinect opens up new possibilities.



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Eye strain can become a serious problem for gamers, especially those who play on PC monitors. Gunnar glasses are designed to increase screen contrast while blocking blue light, resulting in decreased eye fatigue and dryness. Those who use them swear by them. Available in a number of different styles.

Skylanders Giants: Starter pack — $74.99

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The hottest toys for kids

HEATHER BUCHAN
For Metro

Here's a roundup of five of the hottest kids toys as well as a few stocking stuffer ideas that are sure to raise the holiday spirits of every child on your gift list.

LeapPad2 Explorer

Based on the award-winning LeapPad1, this tablet made especially for little people (ages three to nine years old) features front and back cameras, two video recorders, 4GB of memory and a library of hundreds of learning games, eBooks, videos, music and much more. The Gameboy-like portable unit focuses on educational gaming. Comes pre-installed with a music player and a few creativity apps. $109.99. leapfrog.com



The LeapPad2 Explorer, $109.99, available at leapfrog.com.

Furby

That furry and famous kids' pal is back and better equipped for a generation of tech-savvy kids. Furby is interactive: You can feed it, speak to it, tickle it, play music for it and it will react with varying emotions. But how you treat Furby will shape its personality. Aside from capacitive sensors in its head, stomach, back and sides that react to touching, inside Furby's yellow beak is a red tongue, that, when pressed, starts Furby chewing. Available in 10 colours. $70. Ages six and older. Hasbro.ca

Lollipop Duet Stage Microphone

Little singers can belt out their favourite tunes with this rockin' stage mic. Featuring a handheld microphone with a height-adjustable stand along with a headset mic, so two kids can share the spotlight at once. The microphone can be connected to an iPod, MP3 or CD player so little singers get a real surround sound effect. Disco Lights and applause sound effects are sure to delight wannabe Canadian Idols. $39.95. Ages four and older. Mastermindtoy.com

The Art Creativity Book

Featuring games, puzzles, stencils, sticker sheets and an illustrated gatefold page for sticker decorating as well as pull-out art paper and art projects to complete, this softcover book is not only an educational tool but will provide hours of artistic fun. $14.99. Ages six and older. Mastermindtoys.com

Spy Case

This kit contains everything a little super sleuth needs to complete an investigation. Contained within the sleek black nylon case: Binoculars, a magnifying glass, fingerprint powder, brush, flashlight, secret marker pen set, and a spy guide. $24.95. Ages six and older. Chapters.indigo.ca/toys

And don't forget these stocking stuffers:

Magic School Bus Slime and Polymer Lab

Let kids conduct cool experiments on things like milk and snow. $40. Ages five and older. Scholarschoice.ca

Rory's Story Cubes

Just roll the dice and tell a story. $10. Ages eight and older. Gameright.com

Paper Bag Monsters

Peel, stick and glue stickers and paper shapes to five paper bags to create a cool monster. $11.95. Ages three and older. Alextoys.com



The famous and furry Furby is back and better equipped for tech-savvy kids this holiday season. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Merry minstrels hit the right note

KEITH CARMAN
For Metro

The holidays are almost upon us. While many feel the first snowfall signifies the festive season's advent, though, the more musically inclined know that the release of yuletide albums mark its true arrival.

At that, this year there are plenty of minstrels primed to make us feel quite merry.

Legendary rocker Rod Stewart issues Merry Christmas, Baby (Warner), his first-ever holiday record. An interesting affair, it offers standards (Auld Lang Syne, White Christmas), duets (We Three Kings with Mary J. Blige and What Are You Doing New Year's Eve? accompanied by Ella Fitzgerald) and oddball tracks such as Red-Suited Super Man.

Lady Antebellum has also released its first holiday-themed collection this year. Dubbed On This Winter's Night (EMI), it boasts the country trio taking on 12 favourites such as, A Holly Jolly Christmas, Let It Snow, and Silver Bells.

Not to be outdone in the genre, revered twangy vocalist Blake Shelton has also compiled his own slew of tracks. In fact, Cheers, It's Christmas (Warner) has already hit No. 1 on Billboard's Holiday Albums chart thanks to his efforts on Jingle Bell Rock and Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!



Canadian crooner Michael Bublé will get you in the spirit for the holidays with his album entitled Christmas. GETTY IMAGES FILE

For a touch more upbeat fun, check out famed soul, hip-hop and R&B singer Cee Lo Green's inaugural Christmas collection. Blending original tunes with carefully-selected covers, Cee Lo's Magic Moment (Atlantic) treats us to What Christmas Means To Me, You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch featuring Straight No Chaser and, most impressively, All I Need Is Love backed by none other than The Muppets.

Diversity is the key behind Universal Music's Holidays Rule compilation. Endeavouring to create a mixed bag that works well as background fodder for your inevitable party, its 17 new and beloved songs are performed by artists including Rufus Wainwright, Paul McCartney, Calexico, Y la Bamba, Punch Brothers and The Shins.



Sometimes we need to hear an extraordinary set of pipes really belt it out, though. Thankfully, we've got a few true crooners who have stepped up to the mistletoe, prepared to kiss our ears with their velvety voices.

Opera star Katherine Jenkins' This is Christmas (Universal) will surely soothe the seasonal beast thanks to her silky singing. From The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire) through Santa Baby and Deck The Halls to Hark The Herald Angels Sing, one can bet this blonde bombshell is at her best.

Need a little more Canadian spirit in your seasonal celebration? Fear not. Michael Bublé will happily oblige with his pointedly-titled Christmas (Reprise), a bastion of 15 holiday-heavy tunes ranging from It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas to Santa Claus Is Coming To Town and I'll Be Home For Christmas. Moreover, if there is a passionate Bublé fan on your gift list, consider the limited special edition with three bonus tracks and an exclusive acrylic ornament.



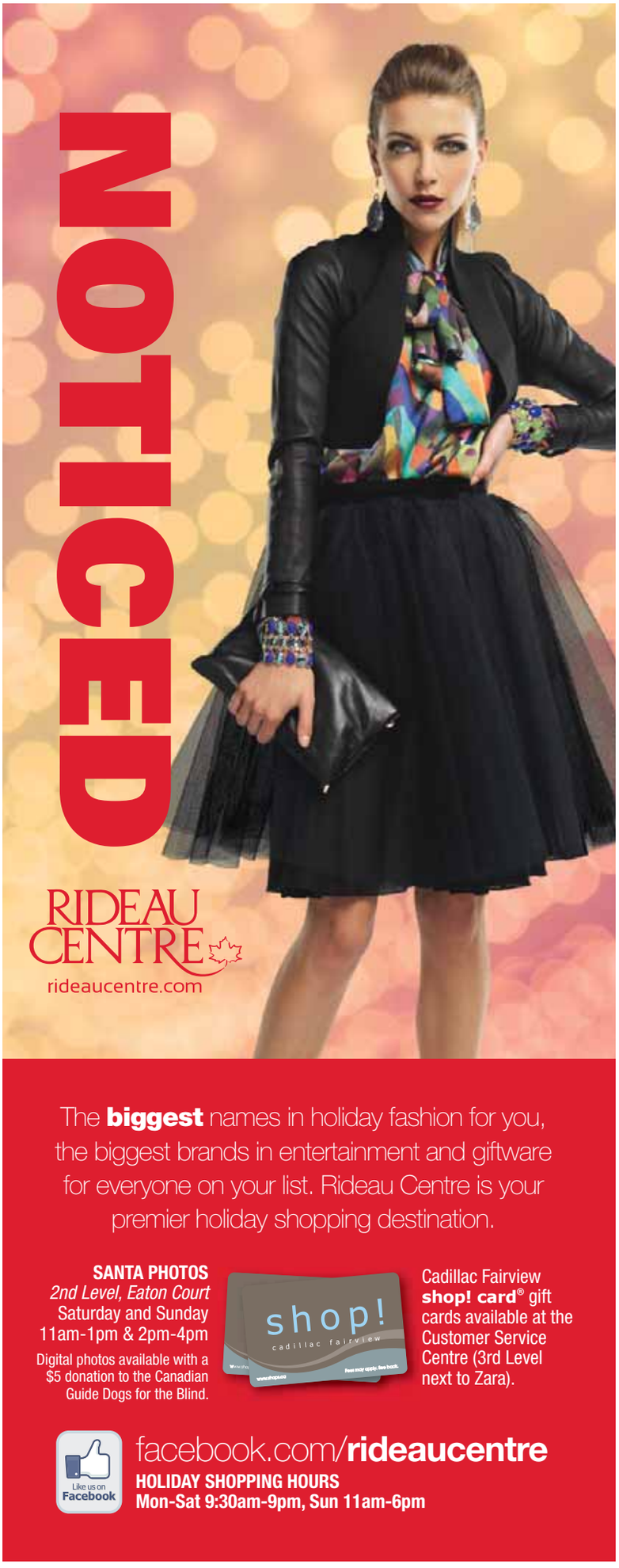












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Have a Merry British Christmas



Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers watches his two-run home run leave the park against the New York Yankees on Oct. 18 during the American League Championship Series in Detroit. Cabrera, baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, was named American League MVP on Thursday. LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Cabrera MVP win a nod to old-school numbers

MLB. Triple Crown winner claims AL MVP honour by wide margin over Angels rookie Mike Trout

Miguel Cabrera has a most valuable player award to go with his Triple Crown. And Buster Posey has an MVP prize to put alongside his second World Series ring.

The pair of batting champions won baseball's top individual honours Thursday by large margins.

Cabrera, the first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, won the AL MVP by receiving 22 of 28 first-place votes and 362 points from a Baseball Writers' Association of America panel.

The Detroit third baseman easily beat Los Angeles Angels rookie centre-fielder Mike Trout, who had six firsts and 281 points.

Some of the more sabermetric-focused fans supported Trout, who hit .326 with 30 homers and 83 RBIs, and he led the majors with 129 runs and 49 steals and topped all players in WAR — wins above replacement.

Trout won AL rookie of the year earlier in the week.

"I was a little concerned. I thought the new thing about computer stuff, I thought Trout's going to win because they put his numbers over me," Cabrera said. "I was like relax.... If he wins, it's going to be fair because he had a great season."

His victory is a win for the traditional statistics.

Triple Crown tradition

Cabrera hit .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs to become the first Triple Crown winner since Boston's Carl Yastrzemski in 1967.

- The last four Triple Crown winners have been voted MVP, including Mickey Mantle in 1956 and Frank Robinson in 1966.
- Cabrera also led the league with a .606 slugging percentage for the AL champion Tigers.

"At the end of the game, it's going to be the same baseball played back in the day," Cabrera said.

Posey, at a charity event at his mother's school in Leesburg, Va., followed the AL debate and Googled to find out the winner.

"I think it intrigued everybody," he said. "As a fan of the game, it was a fun race to watch."

With three fewer hits or two less homers, Cabrera would have fallen short of the Triple Crown.

"I think winning the Triple Crown had a lot to do with me winning this honour," he said.

Cabrera became the second straight Detroit player voted MVP, following pitcher Justin Verlander in 2011, and was the first Venezuelan to earn the honour.

Countryman Pablo Sandoval took home World Series MVP honours last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL lockout

Daly 'discouraged' as more game cancellations loom

Pessimism is growing around the NHL's stalled collective bargaining talks.

With no future negotiations scheduled, the league is getting close to another round of game cancellations that will further shorten any potential season. Asked on Thursday if the labour dispute had yet put the entire year in jeopardy, deputy commissioner Bill Daly replied: "I hope not."

"But I'm more discouraged now than I have been at any point in the process," Daly added.

The NHL is expected to start wiping games beyond Nov. 30 early next week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Selig to review Blue Jays, Marlins blockbuster

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig says he is examining the pending blockbuster trade between the Miami Marlins and Toronto Blue Jays and is aware of the fan anger in South Florida.

Selig said Thursday the trade hasn't officially been presented to him. But he said the matter is under review and he talked to two independent baseball people who feel the Marlins did well in the proposed swap.

Miami has agreed to send all-star shortstop Jose Reyes and pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson to Toronto for a group of the Blue Jays' top prospects. The trade is pending physicals, but many Marlins fans are upset with the deal since the team just moved into a new publicly financed ballpark. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NBA. Injury bug has bitten the Raptors hard

The picture is not pretty but at least it's now clear for the Raptors.

Kyle Lowry will miss another week or two with a bruised cuboid in his ankle, Alan Anderson will be sidelined three to six weeks with a partially torn plantar fascia in his foot and Landry Fields will be out indefinitely after he had surgery to move a nerve near his left elbow.

It is far from the best medical news the 2-6 team could have received, but at least there are far fewer questions to ask today.

"Our rotation is not going to look like a normal rotation by no means ever, but the NBA season goes on," coach Dwane Casey said Thursday

"This is an opportunity for guys who weren't getting big minutes to come out and have an opportunity to play and produce."

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Timetable

Kyle Lowry, who left practice in a walking boot to get treatment, will have missed almost three weeks if he comes back in the timetable set out Thursday.



Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry reacts at the referee while playing on Oct. 31 in Toronto. Lowry is expected to be sidelined for another one to two weeks. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

St-Pierre leaves home to find his comfort zone

UFC. Fight in Montreal is the welterweight champion's first since April last year

Georges St-Pierre may be fighting at home this weekend, but he's not sleeping in his own bed.

The UFC welterweight champion has moved into a hotel, leaving the comforts of home ahead of Saturday night's UFC 154 main event with interim title-holder Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit at the Bell Centre.

He wants no part of the hometown feeling, other than to have friends and family in the stands.

"I want to feel like it's another fight, like normal," he said.

The move has cut into his privacy. Fans in the lobby have pretty much restricted his ability to leave his hotel room. But that plays into another priority ahead of the fight.

"At this time, I try to isolate myself, not get sick — not catch any cold or stuff like that. Stay very focused on the main goal," St-Pierre told reporters.



Georges St-Pierre THE CANADIAN PRESS

The fight is the first for St-Pierre (22-2) since April 2011 when he beat Jake Shields. He underwent reconstructive surgery after injuring his knee in training last fall.

Condit (28-5) defeated Nick Diaz in February to claim the interim title during St-Pierre's injury layoff.

After Friday's weigh-in, when he has to make 170 pounds, St-Pierre's immediate plan is to "eat and drink." Ice cream is high on his priority list.

Both main-event fighters attended a public workout at a local nightclub Thursday, although St-Pierre did little other than sign autographs and give fans some training gear.

He says his training is done for the fight so it makes no sense having a session just for show. Using golf as a metaphor, he says he has already hit the ball. It's in the air and he can't influence it any more.

"Even if I were to do 100 push-ups, I'm not going to get any stronger," he said. "So it's all in the mind. My training is done.

"There is nothing I can do to be stronger, sharper, better than I am. The only thing I can change is my mind, so I try to stay positive and enjoy every second of it. Even though there is a lot of stress."

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Rousey

GSP no fan of women in MMA

UFC welterweight champion Georges St-Pierre seems of two minds about women's mixed martial arts.

A report last week on TMZ.com said Strikeforce bantamweight champion (Rowdy) Ronda Rousey is going to join the UFC, opening the door to female fighters in MMA's largest promotion.

"I'm happy for the girls that fight but me, personally, I have a hard time watching the girls fight," St-Pierre said Thursday when asked about the issue.

"It's the way I grew up maybe, my mentality. I'm different, I'm old-school," he said. "But I know the women are pretty good. I know Ronda Rousey is very good." THE CANADIAN PRESS



CFL's final assessment



CFL EXTRA POINTS
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The Argonauts head into hostile and hectic territory and the Stampeders travel to Vancouver minus their No. 1 pivot, with spots in the Grey Cup game on the line

Photos by The Canadian Press/Torstar News Service

East final

Toronto at Montreal, Sunday, 1 p.m. (TSN)
Here's something the Toronto Argos don't face every day — crowd noise, and lots of it. The more than 40,000 rabid Alouettes fans at Olympic Stadium for Sunday's East final will be harassing the Argos in both official languages, rattling the Big O's creaky rafters and making things difficult for Argos quarterback Ricky Ray and the Double Blue offence.

The Argos have survived and, in fact, thrived in similar noisy atmospheres this season. Toronto escaped Hamilton's ear-piercing Ivor Wynne Stadium with a win on Labour Day. The Argos also emerged from rowdy Taylor Field in Regina to secure a win and second place in the East and their first home playoff game since 2007.

To prepare for Sunday's Thunderdome experience, the Argos have been practising with noise piped into Toronto's Rogers Centre in anticipation of the real thing on Sunday.

Season series: Toronto slipped past the Als 23-20 in Week 5, with Ricky Ray throwing two TD passes. Montreal trounced the Argos 31-10 in Week 13 when Ray left the game early with a knee injury, while also beating the Argos 24-12 in Week 16.

Pick: Toronto by 3.





West final

Calgary at B.C., Sunday, 4:30 p.m. (TSN)
They were worried about his forehead just a couple of days ago, and now Drew Tate's forearm is causing headaches in Calgary.

The Stampeders quarterback is out for the rest of the season with a fractured right forearm, giving way to Kevin Glenn in Sunday's West final in Vancouver.

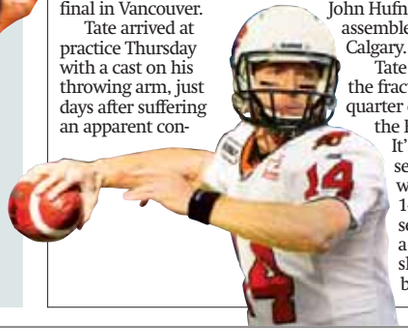
Tate arrived at practice Thursday with a cast on his throwing arm, just days after suffering an apparent concussion in the Stamps' 36-30 West semifinal win over Saskatchewan. Although Tate's head received a clean bill of health, he underwent an MRI and CAT scan Tuesday when the small fracture was discovered in his throwing arm, sidelining him for the biggest game of the year.

"We won 10 out of the last 12. Kevin started eight of those wins, so we'll just move on," Stampeders coach John Hufnagel told the assembled media in Calgary.

Tate said he suffered the fracture in the third quarter of the win over the Roughriders. It's a frustrating setback for Tate, who missed 14 games this season with a dislocated shoulder after being tackled in Week 2. Glenn led the Stamps offence during Tate's absence, directing Calgary to a second-place finish in the West.

Season series: The Lions thumped the Stamps 34-8 in Week 5 in Calgary, and followed that win with a slim 27-22 victory in Vancouver in Week 15. The Stamps answered in Week 18 with 34 unanswered points in a 41-21 win in Calgary.

Pick: B.C. by 2.







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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	5	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	1
Miami	6	3	.667	1
Brooklyn	4	2	.667	11/2
Boston	5	3	.625	11/2
Chicago	5	3	.625	11/2
Charlotte	4	3	.571	2
Philadelphia	4	4	.500	21/2
Atlanta	3	4	.429	3
Indiana	3	6	.333	4
Orlando	2	5	.286	4
Toronto	2	6	.250	41/2
Cleveland	2	6	.250	41/2
Detroit	1	8	.111	6
Washington	0	7	.000	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	7	1	.875	—
Memphis	6	1	.857	1/2
L.A. Clippers	6	2	.750	1
Oklahoma City	6	3	.667	11/2
Minnesota	5	3	.625	2
Dallas	5	4	.556	21/2
Denver	4	4	.500	3
Houston	4	4	.500	3
Golden State	4	4	.500	3
New Orleans	3	3	.500	3
Utah	4	5	.444	31/2
Phoenix	4	5	.444	31/2
Portland	3	5	.375	4
L.A. Lakers	3	5	.375	4
Sacramento	2	6	.250	5

Division leaders ranked in top four positions and best eight teams qualify for playoffs

NBA LEADERS

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Orton, Okl	1	1	0	2	1.000
Pargo, Cle	1	1	0	2	1.000
Shengelia, Bro	3	2	3	8	1.000
Daye, Det	1	2	0	5	1.000
Motiejunas, Hou	1	1	1	3	1.000
Jenkins, GoS	5	1	2	4	1.000
Hansbrough, Ind	2	1	0	2	1.000
Garrett, Pho	1	1	0	2	1.000
Zeller, Pho	2	3	0	7	1.000
Randolph, Den	1	1	0	2	1.000
Wilcox, Bos	7	10	14	34	.833
Thabeet, Okl	7	4	9	17	.800
Johnson, Atl	6	16	2	34	.762
Turkoglu, Orl	1	3	0	6	.750
Smith, Hou	3	6	6	18	.750
Tyler, GoS	1	3	0	6	.750
Dalembert, Mil	7	19	6	44	.731
Evans, Bro	6	5	8	18	.714
Jordan, LAC	8	40	7	87	.714
Barron, Was	3	7	1	15	.700
Drummond, Det	9	23	11	58	.676
Turiaf, LAC	7	2	3	7	.667
Martin, Was	4	8	0	21	.667
Maggette, Det	1	2	4	9	.667
Rush, GoS	2	6	2	14	.667
Sanders, Mil	7	30	11	71	.652
Wright, Dal	8	35	12	82	.648
Butler, Chi	8	11	12	34	.647
Kaman, Dal	7	47	15	109	.644
McGuire, Tor	7	7	1	15	.636

Not including Wednesday's games

Wednesday, November 14
Detroit 94 Philadelphia 76
Boston 98 Utah 93
Charlotte 89 Minnesota 87
Memphis 107 Oklahoma City 97
Milwaukee 99 Indiana 85
Houston 100 New Orleans 96
Dallas 107 Washington 101
Chicago 112 Phoenix 106 OT
L.A. Clippers 107 Miami 100
Golden State 92 Atlanta 88
Thursday, November 15
Boston at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Friday, November 16
Utah at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 17
Toronto at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
Utah at Washington, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
Sunday, November 18
Indiana at New York, 12 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Brooklyn at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Monday, November 19
Indiana at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(two-game, total-goals series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

D.C UNITED VS. HOUSTON

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
Houston at D.C., 4 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SEATTLE VS. LOS ANGELES

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
Los Angeles at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MLS CUP

Saturday, Dec. 1
Eastern champion vs.
Western champion, 4:30 p.m.

ENGLAND

FA CUP

Thursday's result
Altrincham 0 Burton Albion 2

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Worcester	14	7	5	1	1	39	44	16
Manchester	12	7	4	0	1	33	25	15
Portland	12	5	5	1	1	43	41	12
St. John's	13	6	7	0	0	27	39	12
Providence	11	4	6	0	1	23	31	9

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	12	8	2	0	2	41	19	18
Bridgeport	11	8	3	0	0	38	34	16
Adirondack	12	6	6	0	0	30	34	12
Connecticut	12	5	6	1	0	40	45	11
Albany	11	3	5	0	3	22	28	9

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Syracuse	11	7	2	1	1	38	32	16
Norfolk	12	7	5	0	0	39	38	14
W-B/Scranton	13	7	6	0	0	33	30	14
Binghamton	11	5	4	1	1	26	30	12
Hershey	12	5	6	1	0	31	32	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Abbotsford	13	9	1	1	2	42	20	21
Lake Erie	15	9	6	0	0	46	42	18
Rochester	13	8	4	1	0	49	40	17
Toronto	12	7	4	0	1	39	36	15
Hamilton	11	4	5	1	1	23	35	10

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Grand Rapids	13	7	4	1	1	46	41	16
Chicago	12	7	4	1	0	34	37	15
Milwaukee	12	6	6	0	0	34	34	12
Rockford	13	5	7	0	1	39	44	11
Peoria	13	3	7	2	1	27	49	9

SOUTH

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	13	9	3	0	1	50	32	19
Houston	14	6	5	1	2	52	48	15
Oklahoma City	13	6	5	1	1	38	42	14
San Antonio	11	4	6	0	1	27	34	9
Texas	11	4	6	0	1	24	37	9

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.
Thursday's result
San Antonio at Texas
Wednesday's results
Adirondack 4 Manchester 1
Rochester 4 Hamilton 1
Worcester 4 Portland 2
Springfield 1 W-B/Scranton 2
Peoria 5 Rockford 4
Lake Erie 0 Abbotsford 2
Friday's games
All Times Eastern
Albany at St. John's, 1:30 p.m.
Portland at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Adirondack at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Bridgeport at W-B/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Manchester at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Abbotsford at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Norfolk, 7:30 p.m.
Hershey at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Grand Rapids at Lake Erie, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Houston at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with OF Trent Oeltjen, OF J.B. Shuck and 3B Brendan Harris.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Dante Bichette hitting coach, Rene Lachemann first base coach and Stu Cole third base coach. Reassigned bullpen coach Jim Wright to pitching coach.

NBA

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Waived G Jannero Pargo. Signed G Shaun Livingston.

NFL

DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed DE Kenyon Coleman on injured reserve. Signed DE Ben Bass from the practice squad. Signed LB Jerry Franklin to the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed DB Korey Lindsey to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed LB Jeff Tarpinian to the practice squad.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed DT Markus Kuhn on injured reserve.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed DT Alameda Ta'amu to the practice squad.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed DT Charlie Bryant to the practice squad.

ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AFL — Assigned DL Rennie Moore to Spokane.

CFL

CFL — Suspended Saskatchewan DL Tearrius George one game for his actions during Sunday's game.

NHL

EDMONTON OILERS — Assigned RW Cameron Abney from Oklahoma City (AHL) to Stockton (ECHL).

CHL

FORT WORTH BRAHMAS — Waived F Locke Jillson.
RAPID CITY RUSH — Signed F Adam Chorneyko.

NLL

COLORADO MAMMOTH — Traded A Cory Conway and 2013 sixth-round draft pick to Edmonton for a 2014 third-round draft pick.

MLS

FC DALLAS — Announced the retirement of assistant coach John Ellinger.
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — Signed M Andy Dorman.
TORONTO FC — Declined contract options on D Adrian Cann, D Ty Harden, D Dicoy Williams, M Oscar Cordon, F Nicholas Lindsay and F Keith Makabuya.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	3	0	.667	299	201
Miami	4	5	0	.444	173	186
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	.333	175	228
Buffalo	3	6	0	.333	211	285

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	8	1	0	.889	250	143
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	186	201
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	219	311
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	127	246

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	2	0	.778	254	196
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	207	177
Cincinnati	4	5	0	.444	220	231
Cleveland	2	7	0	.222	169	211

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	3	0	.667	271	189
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	209	191
Oakland	3	6	0	.333	191	284
Kansas City	1	8	0	.111	146	256

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	267	216
Dallas	4	5	0	.444	188	204
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	156	221
Washington	3	6	0	.333	226	248

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	8	1	0	.889	247	174
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	260	209
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	249	256
Carolina	2	7	0	.222	163	216

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	7	2	0	.778	242	133
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	239	187
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	238	221
Detroit	4	5	0	.444	216	222

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	2	1	.722	213	127
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	198	161
St. Louis	3	5	1	.389	161	210
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	144	173

WEEK 11

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
Miami at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, November 18
Cleveland at Dallas, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 4:25 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, November 19
Chicago at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.

WEEK 12

Thursday, Nov. 22
Houston at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 25
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 26
Carolina at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SEMIFINALS

EAST DIVISION

Toronto 42 Edmonton 26

WEST DIVISION

Calgary 36 Saskatchewan 30

DIVISION FINALS

Sunday, Nov. 18 — All Times Eastern

EAST DIVISION

Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.

WEST DIVISION

Calgary at B.C., 4:30 p.m.

100TH GREY CUP

Sunday, Nov. 25
At Toronto
East vs. West Winners, 6 p.m.

GOLF

LPGA CME GROUP TITLEHOLDERS

At Naples, Fla.
Par 72
First Round

Suzann Pettersen	34-32-66
So Yeon Ryu	33-33-66
Sun Young Yoo	36-30-66
Na Yeon Choi	34-33-67
Karine Icher	34-33-67
Cristie Kerr	34-33-67
Lindsey Wright	35-32-67
Julieta Granada	34-34-68
Brittany Lincicome	34-34-68
Lizette Salas	35-33-68
Jiyai Shin	36-32-68
Danielle Kang	37-32-69
Cindy LaCrosse	34-35-69
Anna Nordqvist	35-34-69
Karrie Webb	35-34-69
Shanshan Feng	34-36-70
Sandra Gal	36-34-70
Caroline Hedwall	32-38-70
Katherine Hull	36-34-70
Jennifer Johnson	34-36-70
Stacy Lewis	35-35-70
Ai Miyazato	34-36-70



Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
The more someone tries to blackmail you emotionally, the more you must resist. If you give in to them once, you will be expected to give in again and again. Don't let them intimidate you, today or any other day.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
This will be a hectic day, the kind when you always seem to be playing catch-up. But you will reach your goal in the end, so keep going. One of the strengths of your sign is your stubbornness — you refuse to be beaten.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
There is a time to be secretive and a time to be open and this is definitely one of the latter. If you share a problem today it, won't be a problem for long. If you keep it to yourself though, you may never resolve it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you go to extremes, the consequences could be painful. Saturn in Scorpio warns that where both creative endeavors and affairs of the heart are concerned, you should stay on the straight and narrow.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you don't want to get involved in what others are planning, you must let them know immediately. If you keep quiet, they will take that as a sign that you approve and soon you won't be able to back out.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you want something, you will have to go out and get it for yourself. You cannot trust other people to bring it to your door, even if they promised to do so. And if they won't help, why should you share?

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If someone in a position of authority gives you a hard time for no good reason today, the best thing to do is take it. The planets warn that they want you to respond so they can escalate the situation.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some people like to boast about what they are going to do. You prefer to say nothing and just get on and do it. The less noise you make about your plans today, the more likely it is they will succeed.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whatever odds you face today, either at work or in your personal affairs, you must not be intimidated. Fortunately you are a very good actor: You may be scared on the inside but on the outside you appear utterly fearless.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will meet someone today whose attitude and beliefs are about as different to yours as is possible. They say opposites attract and it is quite likely that the pair of you will form a long-lasting bond.

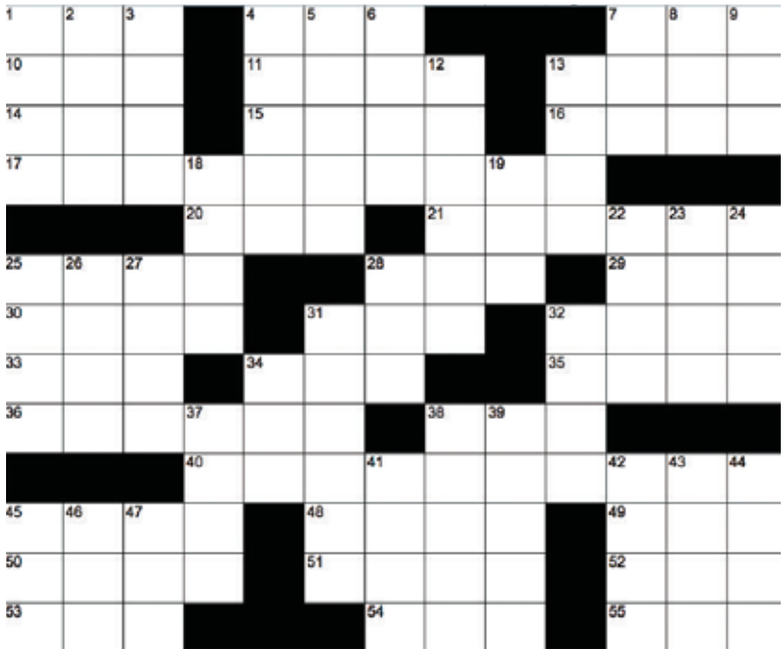
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be tempted to double up on your workload and get everything finished as quickly as possible but is that really such a good idea? Quality work is always preferable to quantity, so take your time.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Set your sights high then go even higher. There is little, if anything, that is beyond your reach at the moment, so don't put up with average. Strive to be the biggest and the best at what you are good at.

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Canadian Crossword

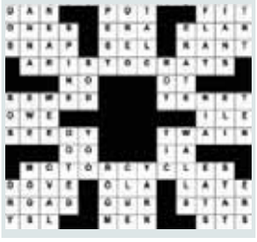
BY BETTY MARTIN



Across
1. Bikini part
4. Dust cloth
7. Genetic component
10. Common suffix
11. Gershwin, and others
13. Avid
14. Deli staple
15. Empty —
16. — Chef America
17. Catapult
20. Eastern Standard Time
21. School room exercise
25. Winter malady
28. Actor Affleck
29. Gold
30. Shopkeeper on Little House on the Prairie
31. Heir, often
32. Bread spread
33. Feeling poorly
34. Morning moisture
35. Lake diver
36. Earth
38. Huge
40. Inwardly
45. Vile
48. "— Brockovich"
49. Wide shoe width
50. Whose — is it Anyway?
51. Fourth largest European river
52. Wheel of Fortune purchase (2 words)
53. Ziering of Beverly Hills, 90210
54. Ever (poet.)
55. Golf term

Down
1. Baby's neckwear
2. Dinner staple
3. Against
4. "Lord of the —"
5. Give it – – (2 words)
6. Savage cut
7. Actor James Van — Beek of Dawson's Creek
8. Prefix meaning recent
9. Columnist Landers
12. Pilfered
13. Smooch
18. Names in the —
19. Just the — of Us
22. Alone
23. Chocolate layer cookie
24. Lunchtime
25. Spring back
26. How I Met Your Mother star — Patrick Harris
27. Pot
28. Child's ribbon
31. Sofa
32. Common German name
34. Rec room
37. Longest river
38. Blackmail
39. Deep inside
41. Perry Mason penner
42. — of faith
43. Actress/singer Horne
44. A — in the Life
45. Daryl Mitchell on Ed
46. By way of
47. Country motel

Yesterday's Crossword



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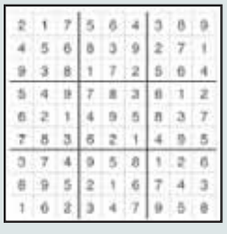
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	8	3				7	1	
			3		7			
7	2			5			3	4
		8	9		6	3		
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Yesterday's Sudoku

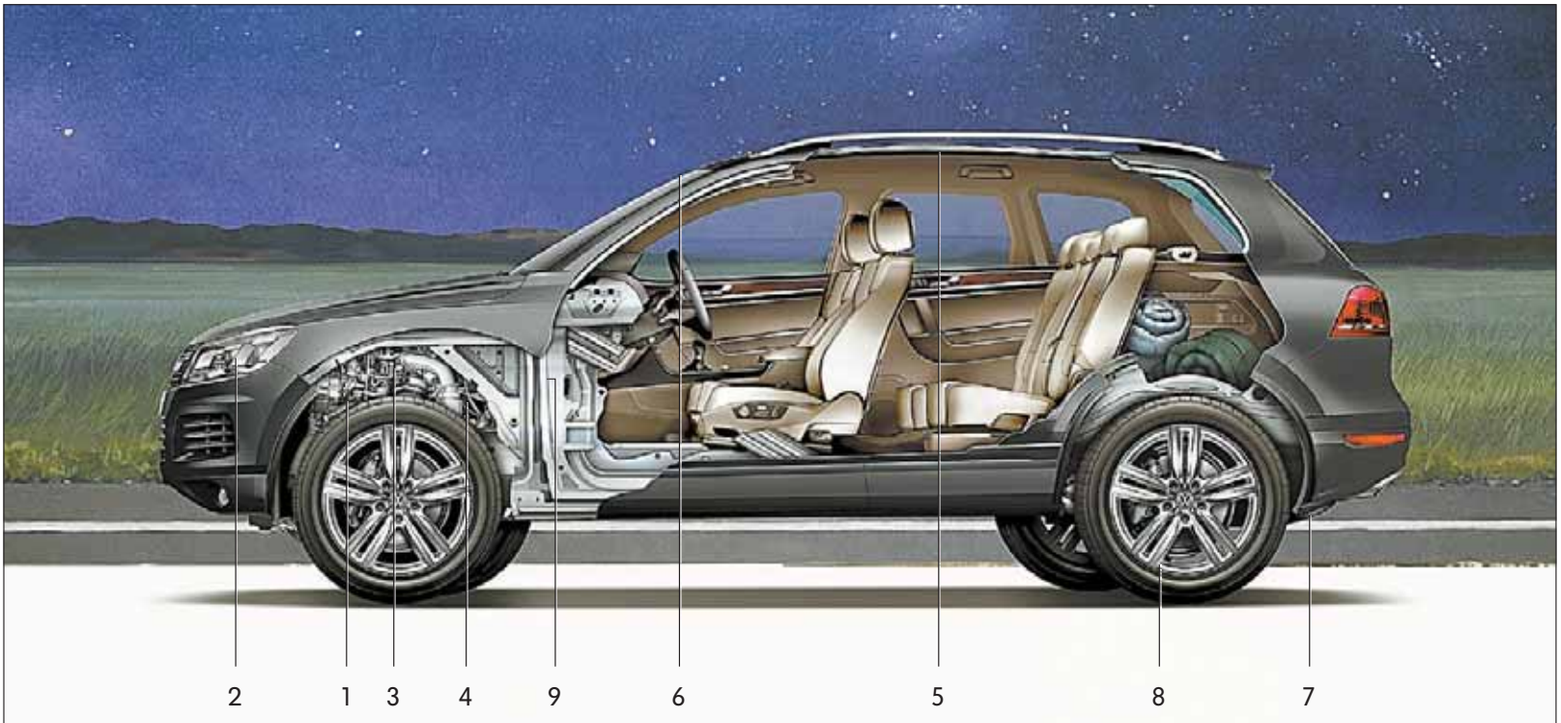


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1 – _____

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3 – _____

4 – _____

5 – Panoramic power sunroof

6 – _____

7 – 3,500 kg towing capacity

8 – 4MOTION® all-wheel drive

9 – _____

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Answers: **1** – Engine block, **3** – Common Rail, **4** – Yaw Rate Sensor, **6** – Humidity Sensor, **9** – Laser seam welding

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V	E	N	G	I	N	E	E	R	I	N	G	E	S	P	W

1. VOLKSWAGEN
2. WOLFSBURG
3. GERMAN
4. ENGINEERING
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Gold Buying Prices by Karat

Karat | Price/gram

1 ounce (9999) Maple Leaf Coins (sealed)	$1,642.07/coin
9999 Canada Maple leaf, less than 1 ounce	$52.80/g
24k Jewellery	$40.36/g
22k	$36.97/g
E. Indian/Nuggets	$32.77/g
18k	$30.27/g
14k and dental	$23.53/g
10k	$16.79/g
9k	$15.13/g
8k/antique gold	$10.09/g

Gold Bar Buying Prices

Gold Bars | Buy Price

Gold 1 ounce (Recognized)	$1,581.89
Gold 10 ounce (Recognized)	$15,732.93
Gold 1kg (Recognized)	$50,581.36
Gold bars, less than 1 ounce (Recognized)	$50.59/g
999 Gold bar (Unrecognized)	$49.21/g

Silver Coin, Bars, and Jewellery Buying Prices - Canada Coins | Price

Maple Leaf (1 ounce Silver)	$31.18/coin

Silver Jewellery and Other Silver | Price

Stamped Sterling Silver Flatware	$0.64/g
Stamped Sterling Silver Jewellery	$0.61/g
Mexican Silver stamped 925	$0.52/g
Stamped 800 Silver	$0.50/g
Unstamped scrap silver	$0.33/g
Other silver coins	$0.68/g

*Actual buying prices are based on weight of silver content, which is lower for worn coins.

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Example Purchase 1:

Purity: 14k • Weight: 193.50g

PRICE: $4,553.06



Example Purchase 2:

Purity: 24k • Weight: 6.42g

PRICE: $259.11



Example Purchase 3:

Purity: 14k • Weight: 183.30g

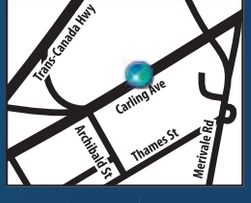
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